



# Where Gardeners Bloom

Master Gardener Seminars for beginning & experienced gardeners alike!

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION | MASTER GARDENER

## NEW THIS YEAR THE CULTIVATION LECTURE SERIES!

Join us on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30–7:30PM at the Extension Office for an engaging, hour-long educational session. Topics will include: houseplants, emerging invasive species, new plant diseases, and other timely horticultural issues. No registration required—just drop in!

## Seminar Information

SEMINARS ARE FREE \*

**TIME** 10am-noon \* unless noted  
Doors open at 9:30 am.

**WHERE** UMD Extension Office  
330 Montevue Lane, Frederick

**TO REGISTER** Use links below descriptions or call 301-600-1595

### CATEGORY KEY FOR SEMINARS

**GIEI:** Grow it Eat it      **POL:** Pollinators

**LG:** Landscape Gardening   **B-W:** Bay-Wise

**TH:** Therapeutic Horticulture

Walk-ins are welcome, space permitting

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**Accommodations:** If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact Kim Krasauskis, Admin. Assist., at 301-600-1595 on or before 2 weeks prior this event.

1/10/26		GIEI	3/21/26	1-3PM	YG
<b>My Soil Has What?!</b>			<b>Working with Children in the Garden</b>		
Learn about your soil, from reading your soil test to how to improve your garden and benefit the environment using vermiculture to composting. We will offer tips and techniques for using worms to transform your kitchen scraps into nutrition-rich plant fertilizer in a small space inside your home.			Curious about ways to garden with children? Come learn how to involve them in ways that engage their natural curiosity.		
<a href="https://tinyurl.com/MG26Soil">▶ tinyurl.com/MG26Soil</a>			<a href="https://tinyurl.com/MG26ChildrenInTheGarden">▶ tinyurl.com/MG26ChildrenInTheGarden</a>		
1/17/26		GIEI	3/28/26		POL
<b>What a Mess!</b>			<b>What's the Fuss About Native Plants?</b>		
Learn what to prune in the winter and early spring and how to prune to get the most out of your plants.			Find out how native plants help our native birds, butterflies, and other pollinators. Discover native plant alternatives that are beneficial and beautiful.		
<a href="https://tinyurl.com/MG26Pruning">▶ tinyurl.com/MG26Pruning</a>			<a href="https://tinyurl.com/MG26NativePlants">▶ tinyurl.com/MG26NativePlants</a>		
2/28/26		LG	4/4/26		GIEI
<b>Creating a Flower Cutting Garden &amp; Flower Arrangements</b>			<b>Planting the Spring Vegetable Garden</b>		
Learn how to design, plant, and harvest flowers from your own cutting garden. Discover the best sun and shade annuals for cutting and how to maintain the garden for maximum production. We also will demonstrate techniques for creating arrangements.			Growing potatoes, broccoli, onions, and peas requires early planning. Learn what to plant and when to start planting spring vegetables, including what techniques work best in small or limited spaces. Find out how row covers and mulching can increase your success.		
<a href="https://tinyurl.com/MG26CuttingGarden">▶ tinyurl.com/MG26CuttingGarden</a>			<a href="https://tinyurl.com/MG26SpringVegGarden">▶ tinyurl.com/MG26SpringVegGarden</a>		
2/28/26	1-3PM	GIEI	4/11/26		B-W
<b>So You Think You Want a Veggie Garden?</b>			<b>Maryland Living Landscape</b>		
Think You Want a Vegetable Garden? Wondering how to plan a home vegetable garden? Learn what kind of garden will fit your needs, when to start, what to plant, how much is enough, and tips on finding resources for planning, garden supplies and seeds.			Every Marylander lives within a watershed and has a role to play in caring for the land, water, air, wildlife, and each other. Every action we take, every small positive change we make to improve water quality, soil health, and habitat counts in a big way. Come learn what you can do in your own yard.		
<a href="https://tinyurl.com/MG26VeggieGarden">▶ tinyurl.com/MG26VeggieGarden</a>			<a href="https://tinyurl.com/MG26MDLivingLandscape">▶ tinyurl.com/MG26MDLivingLandscape</a>		
3/21/26		LG	5/2/26	9AM-NOON	YG
<b>Container Gardening with Native Plants &amp; Annuals</b>			<b>Growing Up Wild</b>		
Don't let the limited space of a deck, porch, patio, or balcony keep you from enjoying native plants and annuals! Learn how to select the proper plants for different size containers and to group plants by their needs.			For educators who work with children from 3 to 7 years old. <i>Adults only. Limited to 25 participants.</i>		
<a href="https://tinyurl.com/MG26NativeContainerGarden">▶ tinyurl.com/MG26NativeContainerGarden</a>			Growing Up Wild prepares educators to teach young children by building on their sense of wonder about nature through a wide range of activities and experiences. For more info see <i>Fish&amp;WildlifeGrowingUpWild</i> for details. Participants will receive a certificate, a guide, and (if needed) approved credits. Pre-registration is required.		
			<a href="https://tinyurl.com/MG26GrowingUpWild">▶ tinyurl.com/MG26GrowingUpWild</a>		

For more information about the Frederick County Master Gardeners go to [bit.ly/FCMG-Home-Gardening](https://bit.ly/FCMG-Home-Gardening)



5/2/26 1-3PM TH  
**Mindfulness in the Garden**

Experience the healing power of the garden and plants. We will start with a discussion of the benefits of nature to your wellbeing and then take a walk in the mediation garden for mindfulness activities. Learn about mala beads, and how to make your own mala bracelet to take home with you.

➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26Mindfulness](http://tinyurl.com/MG26Mindfulness)

5/9/26 POL  
**Pollinators Love  Herbs**

Find out how herbs support our endangered pollinators. Think Parsley, Dill and Butterflies! Some herbs host the caterpillar stage of certain butterflies. Many herb flowers supply pollen & nectar to nourish bees, butterflies and other pollinators. We will guide you in planting and decorating your own mini-garden. Materials will be provided but bring your gardening gloves. Pre-registration is required; limited to 24 adults.

➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26PollinatorsLoveHerbs](http://tinyurl.com/MG26PollinatorsLoveHerbs)

6/13/26 GIEI  
**Summer Veggie Garden**

Join us in the Demonstration Garden for a hands-on experience planting the home garden. Learn about seeds and transplants, planting techniques, planting for pollinators, and basic IPM (*integrated pest management*).

➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26SummerVegGarden](http://tinyurl.com/MG26SummerVegGarden)

6/13/26 1-3PM LG  
**Make a Hypertufa Bowl or Trough**

Remember playing with mud pies? Hypertufa is an artificial stone made of materials mixed with Portland cement but much lighter. This more natural-looking garden pot can still withstand harsh weather conditions. *Wear clothes that can get dirty. Cost: \$15 payable at registration. Pre-registration is required; class is limited to 12 participants.*

➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26Hypertufa](http://tinyurl.com/MG26Hypertufa)

6/27/26 GIEI  
**Growing Fruits & Vegetables in Containers**

Even in the limited space of a deck, porch, patio, or balcony, you can create your own produce garden! See how to grow vegetables, herbs, and small fruits in a variety of containers. Learn how to select the proper plants for different size containers, to group plants by their needs, and to elevate containers to provide easy access without stooping and bending.

➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26VegContainer](http://tinyurl.com/MG26VegContainer)

6/27/26 1-3PM YG  
**Bug Me: The Importance of Insects in Your Garden**

Insects are often seen as pests, but many are essential to a healthy garden. In this seminar, you'll learn how beneficial insects support pollination, pest control, and overall garden health.

➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26BugMe](http://tinyurl.com/MG26BugMe)

7/18/26 POL  
**Bumblebees**

Bumblebees are the Teddy Bears of the insect world. These fuzzy non-aggressive creatures are critical for pollination of many crops and flowers. Unfortunately their population has steadily declined due to loss of habitat, unwise use of pesticides, climate change, and disease. Come learn about the bees and what you can do to help their survival.

➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26Bumblebees](http://tinyurl.com/MG26Bumblebees)

7/25/26 GIEI  
**Growing Herbs Here & There**

Learn about the variety of both annual & perennial herbs you can grow in-ground and/or in containers. See how you can plant an herb garden as well as merge herb plantings into your flower and vegetable beds. Take a look at how herbs are grown throughout our demonstration garden, including in our clever herb spiral. ➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26GrowingHerbs](http://tinyurl.com/MG26GrowingHerbs)

8/1/26 YG  
**Getting Little Feet Wet**

For educators who work with children from 3 to 6 years old. Adults only. Limited to 25 participants.

Getting Little Feet Wet is designed to help educators of young children teach about water in fun, age-appropriate ways using interactive, hands-on activities for young learners to explore different aspects of water—from water properties to water sounds. For more info see [www.projectwet.org](http://www.projectwet.org).

➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26LittleFeetWet](http://tinyurl.com/MG26LittleFeetWet)

8/8/26 YG  
**Make & Take Mini-Garden (for 1st to 12th graders)**

Design and plant a decorated miniature garden to take home! Plants and decorations will be provided but bring your gardening gloves. *Pre-registration is required since class is limited to 15 children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free for children. Adults may plant their own mini garden for \$5; note it on the registration and pay (cash or check) at class.*

➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26MiniGarden](http://tinyurl.com/MG26MiniGarden)

8/8/26 1-3PM GIEI  
**Fall Season Vegetable Gardening**

Begin to plant now for a harvest in the fall. Find out what to plant and when to plant it. Discover the benefits of making and using row covers.

➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26FallVegGarden](http://tinyurl.com/MG26FallVegGarden)

9/12/26 YG  
**Pawpaws, a Little Known Treasure**

Discover a native gem you can grow right in your own backyard! Find out how and why to grow this large, tasty fruit—and how native plants can help your entire garden thrive. Tour the pawpaw patch in our Demo Garden. ➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26Pawpaws](http://tinyurl.com/MG26Pawpaws)

10/17/26 POL  
**The Natural Garden**

Native plants are under significant stress, and insect populations have plummeted over the past decade. Consequently, the numbers of birds and other animals that rely on native plants and insects for food have also declined. In this seminar, we'll explore the changes you can implement in your garden to support native species and foster a healthy environment.

➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26NaturalGarden](http://tinyurl.com/MG26NaturalGarden)

10/17/26 1-3PM LG  
**Right Plant, Right Place: Design Fundamentals**

Use basic design principles in your flower gardening to add interest and increase impact! Learn about basic landscape design concepts that can be easily applied to any garden—including shape, color, texture, framing, rhythm, focal points, and other considerations.

➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26DesignFundamentals](http://tinyurl.com/MG26DesignFundamentals)

10/24/26 TH  
**Houseplants and Wellness**

Having indoor plants just makes us feel better. Learn about the therapeutic benefits of houseplants. Identify plants that can make for a healthier indoor environment and which are right for you.

➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26HouseplantsWellness](http://tinyurl.com/MG26HouseplantsWellness)

12/5/26 B-W/ POL  
**Propagating Native Plants**

Native perennials are a wonderful addition to any landscape! Find out about the benefits of native perennials and why they're essential for pollinators and wildlife. Join us to learn how to propagate various natives and expand your garden, then take a few plants home. Class size is limited to 15 participants.

➤ [tinyurl.com/MG26PropagatingNatives](http://tinyurl.com/MG26PropagatingNatives)