MONTGOMERY COUNTY
2017 MASTER GARDENER CLASS SCHEDULE

Website: http://www.extension.umd.edu/mg/locations/montgomery-county-master-gardeners
http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_docs/programs/master-gardeners/Montgomery/2017MGCLASSSCHEDULE.pdf

January 24 – March 1, 2017
(Extension Receptionist 301-590-9638)
(**MANDATORY ORIENTATION SESSION, see last page)

(SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

January 24, 2017 (Day 1)

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Welcome! What Did I Get Myself Into? Pre-Test, Volunteer Management in Maryland: Legal Liability/Insurance Issues. Introduction to Botany: The Basics of Plant Hardiness, Plant Nomenclature and Other Horticultural And Botanical Terms Likely to be Met in a Lifetime of Gardening. (Steve Dubik, Horticulture Consultant, Master Gardener Coordinator, Montgomery County)

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. LUNCH

12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Plant Hardiness, Plant Nomenclature and Other Horticultural and Botanical Terms Likely to Be Met in a Lifetime of Gardening. (Steve Dubik, Horticulture Consultant, Master Gardener Coordinator, Montgomery County)

January 25, 2017 (Day 2)

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Basics of Soil Science. (Dick Weismiller, Retired Professor, University of Maryland)

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. LUNCH

12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Soils and Plant Nutrition. (Andrew Ristvey, Regional Specialist, University of Maryland)

January 27, 2017 (Day 3)

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Small Fruits for Small Gardens – Problems & Rewards. (Jody Fetzer, Green Management Coordinator, Montgomery County Parks)

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. LUNCH

12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Non-Native Invasives. (Carole Bergmann, Forest Ecologist, Maryland National Capital
January 31, 2017 (Day 4)
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The Basics of Plant Identification. (Kevin Conrad, Horticulturist, U.S. National Arboretum)
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. LUNCH
12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Growing Tree Fruit in Montgomery County. (Chuck Schuster, Extension Educator, University of Maryland)

Feb. 1, 2017 (Day 5)
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Seed Saving. (Janet Young, Master Gardener, Montgomery County)
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Proper Pruning. (Phil Normandy, Horticulturist, Brookside Gardens)
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. LUNCH
12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Gardening for Wildlife. (Marie Rojas, Master Gardener, Montgomery County, Owner of Borders and Butterflies)

Feb. 3, 2017 (Day 6)
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Vegetables: What Master Gardeners Need to Know. (Erica Smith, Master Gardener, Montgomery County)
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. LUNCH
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. More Vegetables!
1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Tour of Montgomery County MG Demo Garden (weather permitting) (Erica Smith, Master Gardener, Montgomery County)

Feb. 7, 2017 (Day 7)
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Growing and Cultivating Peppers. (Eric Wenger, Master Gardener, Montgomery County; Owner, Complete Plant Health Care, Inc.)
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Stormwater Management & Rainscapes. (Donna Evans, RainScapes Rewards Rebate Planner, Montgomery County Dept. of Environmental Protection)
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. LUNCH (Picture Day!)
12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Introduction to Plant Pathology. (Dave Clement, Regional Specialist, University of Maryland)
February 8, 2017  (Day 8)
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Water Gardens: An Engaging Ecosystem.  
(Heather Zindash, IPM Management Consultant, Master Gardener, Montgomery County, President of The Soulful Gardener)
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. LUNCH
12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Composting.  
(Susan Eisendrath, Master Gardener, Montgomery County)
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Montgomery County Master Gardener Program.  
(Bebe McMeekin, President, Montgomery County Master Gardeners)

February 10, 2017  (Day 9)
9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. MG Volunteer Opportunities.  
(Montgomery County MG Program Directors)
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Deer Management.  
(Doug Tregoning, Retired Extension Director, University of Maryland Extension, Montgomery County)
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. LUNCH
12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Data Entry and Montgomery County MG Website.  
(Katie McIe, Master Gardener, Montgomery County)

February 14, 2017  (Day 10)
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Plant Ecology.  
(Jackie Takacs, Southern Md. Watershed Restoration Specialist, University of Maryland)
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. LUNCH
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. MG Volunteer Opportunities.  
(Montgomery County MG Program Directors)
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Mock Plant Clinic Training.  
(Harry Rea, Master Gardener, Montgomery County)

February 15, 2017  (Day 11)
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Houseplants and Potting Soils.  
(Carol Allen, Poplar Hill Horticultural Services)
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. LUNCH
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Boxwood.  
(Lynn Batdorf, Curator, Retired, U.S. National Arboretum)
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. More Data Entry Training. Results from MG Website Treasure Hunt.
February 17, 2017  (Day 12)
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  Basic Entomology and Integrated Pest Management (IPM).
(Mary Kay Malinoski, Regional Specialist, University of Maryland)
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  Pesticide Use in the Home Garden (new county pesticide law).
Close Encounters with Agriculture Program.
(Chuck Schuster, Extension Educator, University of Maryland)
12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

February 21, 2017  (Day 13)
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  Managing Chewing and Boring Insects in the Home Landscape.
(Stanton Gill, Regional Specialist, University of Maryland)
11:30 – 12:15 p.m.  LUNCH
12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  Snakes, Rattle & Roll.
(Ray Bosmans, Regional Specialist, Retired, University of Maryland)

February 22, 2017  (Day 14)
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  Termites, Ants and Bedbugs, Too.
(Kathy Heinsohn, Entomologist, American Pest Management)
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  LUNCH
12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  The World of Herbs.
(Heather Whirley, Master Gardener, Montgomery County)

February 24, 2017  (Day 15)
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  Turf Management.
(Geoffrey Rinehart, ‘Grass Roots’ Program Coordinator, U.S. National Arboretum)
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  LUNCH
12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  Horticulture (Flowering Plants).
(Steve Dubik, Horticulture Consultant, Master Gardener Coordinator, Montgomery County)

February 28, 2017  (Day 16)
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  Diagnosing for Dummies.
(Marie Rojas, Master Gardener, Montgomery County, Owner of Borders and Butterflies)
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  LUNCH
12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  MASTER GARDENER EXAM
**(Mandatory orientation session: Each class participant must attend an orientation session Monday, January 16 -- either 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., or 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. (snow date, Friday, January 20, 10 a.m. to noon), all held at the Montgomery County Extension, 18410 Muncaster Rd., Derwood, MD).**

**SNOW DAY POLICY**

If Montgomery County Schools are closed, classes will be canceled that day.
If Montgomery County Schools start late, we will start **ON TIME**.

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