



Where Gardeners Bloom

Master Gardener Seminars for beginning & experienced gardeners alike!

2025

UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND
EXTENSION

MASTER
GARDENER 

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

Join us for seminars for beginning and
advanced gardeners alike.

The following categories denote the focus
of each seminar.

- GIEI** Grow it Eat it
- POL** Pollinators
- LG** Landscape Gardening
- B-W** Bay-Wise
- TH** Therapeutic Horticulture

Walk-ins are welcome, space permitting

For more information about the
Frederick County Master Gardeners go to
bit.ly/FCMG-Home-Gardening

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1/11/25 **B-W**
Pull This, Plant That: Invasive Plants & Native Plant Alternatives

Find out why and how to replace non-native plants—especially invasives—with natives that help our native birds, butterflies, and other pollinators. You will learn to accurately identify and control invasive plants and discover native alternatives that are beneficial and beautiful. bit.ly/FCMG25-InvasivesNatives

1/18/25 **GIEI**
Garden Pruning

Learn what to prune in the winter and early spring and how to prune to get the most out of your plants. bit.ly/FCMG25-Pruning

2/1/25 **GIEI**
Vermiculture

From vermiculture to composting, learn ways to benefit the environment and your garden. We will offer tips and techniques for using worms to transform kitchen scraps into nutrition-rich plant fertilizer in a small space inside your home. bit.ly/FCMG25-Vermiculture

2/8/25 **B-W**
Bay-Wise Principles

Encourage wildlife; control stormwater runoff; mow & water efficiently; mulch appropriately & recycle yard waste; fertilize, plant & manage yard pests wisely; and protect the waterfront. These 'best practices' can earn you Bay-Wise certification—and a distinctive yard sign. bit.ly/FCMG25-Bay-WisePrinciples

2/22/25 **GIEI**
Planning Your Veggie Garden (online only)

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. bit.ly/FCMG25-PlanningYourVeggieGarden

3/15/25 **LG**
Creating a Flower Cutting Garden & Flower Arrangements

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. bit.ly/FCMG25-FlowersCuttingGarden

3/22/25 **POL**
Bumblebees

Our native bumblebees face many threats from habitat loss, disease, and climate change. Learn about these important pollinators and what you can do to help them. bit.ly/FCMG25-Bumblebees

3/29/25 **POL**
Native Plants & Keystone Plants

Find out what native plants help our native birds, butterflies, and other pollinators. Discover native alternatives that are beneficial and beautiful. bit.ly/FCMG25-NativePlants

4/5/25 **GIEI**
Planting the Spring Vegetable Garden


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. bit.ly/FCMG25-SpringVeggieGarden

4/12/25
Back to Our Roots: Humans and Gardening Throughout History

Learn about our historical experiences with cultivation, nature, and public and private lands, from imperial gardens to personal plots and windowsill planters. Discover how we can reignite our passion and find peace in cultivating the land mindfully and resourcefully while encouraging others to do the same. bit.ly/FCMG25_BackToOurRoots

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5/3/25 Pollinators Love  Herbs Find out how herbs support our endangered pollinators, whether by hosting the caterpillar stage of butterflies or supplying pollen & nectar. Think Parsley, Dill, and Butterflies! Plant and decorate your own mini-garden. Materials are provided but bring your gardening gloves. <i>Pre-registration is required; limited to 24 adults.</i> bit.ly/FCMB25-PollinatorsLoveHerbs	POL	7/26/25 Storm Water & Irrigation Learn about stormwater runoff and how to reduce its effects on your property using rain gardens. Learn how to collect rainwater in rain barrels and rain gardens. bit.ly/FCMG25-StormwaterIrrigation	GIEI	9/13/25 Seed Saving for a Sustainable Kitchen Garden Learn seed-saving basics to ensure you always have a supply of your kitchen garden favorites. Following an overview of plant reproduction, we will have a hands-on demo and seeds to take home for next season. <i>Pre-registration is required.</i> bit.ly/FCMG25-SeedSaving	GIEI
5/17/25 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Manage pests with ecosystem-based methods to minimize the use of pesticides. Learn how to identify, prevent, and manage plant problems using biological control, habitat changes, and cultural habits. bit.ly/FCMG25-IPM	POL	8/2/25 Growing Up Wild <i>For educators who work with children from 3 to 7 years old. Adults only. Limited to 25 participants.</i> 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 details, see https://bit.ly/FishWildlifeGrowingWild . <i>Participants will receive a certificate, a guide, and (if needed) approved credits. Pre-registration is required.</i> bit.ly/FCMG25-GrowingUpWild	YG	10/4/25 Mindfulness in the Garden Experience the healing power of the garden and plants. Learn the benefits of plants to your wellbeing and then walk in the demonstration garden for mindfulness activities. bit.ly/FCMG25-Mindfulness	TH
6/7/25 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. bit.ly/FCMG25SummerVeggieGarden	GIEI	8/9/25 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. bit.ly/FCMG25-FallVegGarden	GIEI	10/11/25 Make a Hypertufa Bowl Remember playing with mud pies? Hypertufa is a natural-looking artificial stone made of materials mixed with Portland cement that is much lighter. Create a hypertufa bowl you can use in your garden. <i>Pre-registration is required; class is limited to 12 participants.</i> bit.ly/FCMG25-Hypertufa	LG
6/14/25 Growing Herbs Here & There Learn about the variety of both annual & perennial herbs you can grow in-ground and in containers. See how to plant an herb garden or merge herb plantings into your flower and vegetable beds. Look at how herbs are grown in our demonstration garden, including in our clever herb spiral. bit.ly/FCMG25-GrowingHerbs	GIEI	8/23/25 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; bring your gardening gloves. <i>Pre-registration is required since class is limited to 15 children. An adult must accompany children. Free for children. Adults may plant their own mini garden for \$5; note it on the registration and pay (cash or check) at class.</i> bit.ly/FCMG25-MakeTakeMiniGarden	YG	11/1/25 Right Plant, Right Place: Design Fundamentals Use basic design principles in your flower gardening to add interest and increase impact! Learn basic landscape design concepts—including shape, color, texture, framing, rhythm, focal points, and other considerations. bit.ly/FCMG25-DesignFundamentals	LG
7/12/25 Container Gardening Create a garden oasis even in the limited deck, porch, patio, or balcony space! See how to grow vegetables, herbs, small fruits, and decorative plants in various containers. Learn how to select the proper plants, group plants by their needs, and elevate containers to provide easy access without stooping and bending. bit.ly/FCMG25-ContainerGardening	GIEI	9/6/25 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. bit.ly/FCMG25-Pawpaws	YG	11/8/25 Indoor Plants & Wellness Having indoor plants just makes us feel better. Learn about the therapeutic benefits of houseplants and identify plants that can create a healthier indoor environment. bit.ly/FCMG25-IndoorPlants	TH
				12/6/25 Propagating Native Plants <i>Native perennials are an excellent addition to any landscape!</i> Learn the benefits of native perennials and why they're essential for pollinators and wildlife. Learn to propagate various natives and take a few plants home. <i>Class size is limited to 15 participants.</i> bit.ly/FCMG25-PropagatingPlants	POL