

2012 Virginia Beach Master Gardener Speaker's Bureau (Issued 1-14-12)

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The Virginia Beach Master Gardener Speaker's Bureau does not charge a fee for speakers; however, a donation from your organization will assist the Master Gardeners in providing educational classes to over 2,400 students each year, and in presenting other environmental horticulture programs to the community.

Donations may be made payable to: Virginia Beach Master Gardener Association, and sent to: Virginia Beach Extension Office, 2449 Princess Anne Road, Building #14, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. Reimbursement for speaker travel expenses may be requested outside of the Hampton Roads area.

Topic	Handouts Available	Slides/ PowerPoint	Time Needed	Speaker
“African Violets” <i>Learn to care for African Violets and other gesneriads.</i>	Yes	Yes	30 min. – 1 hr.	Pat Knight
“All About Herbs” <i>Selection, care, and the use of common and unusual herbs.</i>	Yes	No (Barbara) Yes (Billi)	30 min. or more	Barbara Brawley or Billi Parus
“Backyard Composting” <i>Let's Talk Trash- Everything you've always wanted to know about compost but were afraid to ask</i>	Yes	Yes	30-45 min.	Eileen Walsh or Alice Brown
“Backyard Wildlife Habitat” <i>Attract wildlife to your yard without having a party.</i>	Yes	Yes	30-45 min.	Mimi Caswell
“Beneficial Insects” <i>A slide presentation on bugs that are good for your garden.</i>	Yes	Yes	30 min. – 1 hr.	Karen Green
“British Gardens are Special” <i>Tour the beautiful gardens of England and Scotland.</i>	No	Yes	45 min.	Deborah McMillin
“Champion Trees of Virginia Beach” <i>Visit some of the largest trees in Virginia Beach.</i>	Yes	Yes	30 min.	MG Tree Stewards
“Color in Your Autumn Landscape” <i>Plants to brighten your fall landscape.</i>	Yes	Yes	30 – 45 min.	Betty Villers
“Container Gardening” <i>Enjoy gardening without bending or digging by planting container gardens. Includes herbs and veggies.</i>	Yes	Yes	45 min. - 1 hr.	Billi Parus
“Crape Myrtles” <i>Everything you always wanted to know about this popular landscape plant.</i>	Yes	Yes	30 – 45 min.	Betty Villers
“Diagnosing Plant Diseases” <i>Become a plant doctor to your own plants.</i>	Yes	Yes	1 hr.	Stacey Butterfield

"Ferns" <i>Easy to grow Ferns for the shade garden.</i>	Yes	Yes	30 - 45 min.	Bob MacIver
"Garden Tour" <i>Tour of the Display Gardens and Arboretum at the Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center at 1444 Diamond Springs Rd.</i>	Yes	No	60 – 90 min.	Master Gardeners
"Insect Pests of the Vegetable Garden" <i>How to recognize and organically control detrimental pests.</i>	Yes	Yes	1 hr.	Karen Green
"Lawn Establishment & Maintenance" <i>Turfgrass selection and maintenance techniques for Hampton Roads.</i>	Yes	No	30 - 45 min.	Kent Kilby
"Native Perennials" <i>Welcome the Natives to your garden.</i>	Yes	Yes	30 - 45 min.	Sherry Kern
"Native Trees and Shrubs of Tidewater" <i>Native Trees and Shrubs that do well in the Tidewater area</i>	Yes	Yes	30-45 min.	Sherry Kern
"Organic Gardening Concepts" <i>How to grow vegetables and flowers without the use of chemical pesticides.</i>	Yes	No	30 – 45 min.	Karen Green
"Raised Bed Gardening" <i>How to produce a bountiful harvest with limited space using raised beds, vertical gardening, double-digging and crop rotations.</i>	Yes	Yes	30 – 45 min.	Billi Parus
"Right Trees, Right Place" <i>Selecting the right tree for your landscape to minimize future problems.</i>	Yes	Yes	45 min. – 1 hr.	MG Tree Stewards
"The Language of Flowers" <i>How to say it with flowers.</i>	Yes	Yes	30 min.	Karen Renda
"The Things We Do to Our Trees (and Still Expect Them to Live)" <i>A humorous look at common tree care practices.</i>	Yes	Yes	30 min. - 1 hr.	Sherry Kern
"Uses of Herbs in Colonial Jamestown" <i>Learn how herbs were used by early settlers for many purposes.</i>	Yes	No	30 min. or more	Barbara Brawley
"Virginia Beach Master Gardener Volunteers" <i>An overview of the VBMG program, projects, and goals.</i>	Yes	Yes	30 min. – 1 hr.	Betty Villers
"Water Quality, You and Your Garden Can Make a Difference" <i>The home landscape is one of the major polluters of our waterways. Learn a few things you can do in your garden that will make a difference.</i>	Yes	Yes	20-25 min.	Mary Ann Kincaid
"Weather and the Gardener" <i>Develop an understanding of weather conditions and how they affect our plants.</i>	No	Yes	1 hr.	Dr. Duane Harding
"Weed Identification & Control" <i>How to handle weeds in the home landscape.</i>	Yes	Yes	45 min. - 1 hr.	Sherry Kern
"Winterizing Your Garden" <i>How to carefully prepare your garden to survive the winter season.</i>	Yes	No	30 – 45 min.	Karen Renda