

Other Learning Opportunities:

- **Garden Tours** - Tours are available at most demonstration gardens.
- **Fall Gardening Festival** - Annual education event featuring garden speakers, demonstrations, tours, and children's activities.
- **Youth Education** - Youth programs include Ready, Set, Grow!; Be Water Wise; Tree Dormancy Program; Arbor Day Program; & HRAREC Gardens School Tours.
- **Speakers Bureau** - Master Gardener volunteers provide presentations on a variety of gardening topics for garden clubs, community organizations, schools, and other groups. For more information, a complete list of topics, or to request a speaker, visit www.vbmg.org.
- **Seed Library** - Located at the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, the Seed Library offers free seeds for the public and information on how to grow them.
- **Free Little Library** - Located in the Theme Gardens, offers books and magazines on a variety of gardening topics.
- **Plant Doctor Clinics** - Find our volunteers at NEX garden centers, farmers markets, and special events throughout the city.

For schedules and more info about our events, visit vbmg.org.



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Gardening Talks & Workshops 2019

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Virginia Beach
Master Gardeners

The Gardening Talks & Workshops committee of the Virginia Beach Master Gardeners plans and hosts a series of lectures and workshops for the public each year.

The one-hour 2019 Gardening Talk lectures are held at the Advanced Technology Center, located at 1800 College Crescent, Virginia Beach, VA, on select Monday evenings throughout the year. All talks begin at 7 p.m. Speakers provide a variety of garden-related information appropriate for gardeners of all skill levels. The lectures are not sequential, so you can attend all or just your favorite topics. All talks are free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Workshops are scheduled throughout the year to provide a hands-on experience for attendees. Participants work directly with Master Gardeners to complete projects or learn first-hand skills and techniques for working in their own gardens. Workshops are free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required, as each workshop is limited to a certain number of participants.

Workshops are held in various locations:

HRAREC - Hampton Roads Agricultural Research & Extension Center, 1444 Diamond Springs Rd.

Virginia Beach Farmer's Market - 3640 Dam Neck Rd. The Kitchen & Pollinator Gardens are located behind the Rural Heritage Center.

All workshops require pre-registration at EventBrite. Registration opens one month in advance of the workshop date. Visit vbmga.org for a current list of open workshop registrations.

Follow us on Facebook for event announcements.

For more information, please email the committee at vbmgaublicworkshops@gmail.com.

Gardening Talks

2/25 Warm Season Turfgrasses

Adam Nichols, Research Manager, Turfgrass & Weed Sciences, HRAREC

We will focus on describing the different species of warm season grasses that grow in Virginia Beach, the preferred environment for each species, and basic maintenance of the different species.

3/25 Daylilies: Dazzling & Diverse

Vernelle Curtis, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener

Create your garden with this perfect perennial.

4/8 All About Crape Myrtles

Chris Epes, VCE Extension Horticulture Agent, Norfolk

Update your information on one of Tidewater's favorite trees, including what you need to know about Crape Myrtle Bark Scale.

6/3 Shade to Part Shade: The Dark Side of Gardening

Stacie McGraw, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener

Explore the differences between full and part shade gardens, as well as dry and moist shade. Plant selection for each will be discussed, along with how to sneak in spring color and year-round interest.

7/29 Bites, Stings, and Other Things - Be Aware

Stuart McCausland, Former Entomologist with VA Dept. of Forestry

Learn about arthropods that Hampton Roads residents may encounter in residences, yards, and wild places. Emphasis will be on arthropods that bite, sting, and carry disease.

8/26 Cool Season Veggies

Gil Gillespie, VCE Norfolk Master Gardener

Cool season veggies are easy to grow. Learn about bed preparation, veggie selection, care, and harvesting.

10/7 Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening

Tom Etter, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener

Learn practical advantages and disadvantages of vegetable gardening in raised beds.

11/18 Gardening for Songbirds

Jessica Ruthenberg, Audubon Society & Watchable Wildlife Biologist

Grow Wild! Learn how to attract songbirds, hummingbirds, and other desirable creatures to your property with these gardening and landscaping tips.

12/2 Backyard Bouquets

Mike Andruczyk, VCE Extension Horticulture Agent, Chesapeake

Get creative with things from your own yard to decorate during the winter or any season.

Workshops

2/9 Creating a Backyard Wildlife Habitat

Work with VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardeners & learn the importance of incorporating native plants in your backyard landscape & begin developing a landscape plan that supports beneficial wildlife.
9:00 am - 12 noon; HRAREC

2/9 Insects & Pollinators Workshop

Join VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardeners and learn the identities of beneficial insects & amazing pollinators & their role in ecological balance. Build two solitary bee houses to take home.
12:30 - 4:30 pm; HRAREC

2/23 Tree Talks

Join VCE Virginia Beach Tree Stewards for information on planting, pruning, and tree identification.
8:30 am - 3:00 pm; HRAREC

4/6 Daylilies: SAW, SOAK, or STUMP

Vernelle Curtis, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener

Learn how to divide daylilies by 3s. A "garden gloves, hands on" workshop with Virginia Beach Master Gardeners, with a free take home daylily "fan".
9:00 - 10:30 am; HRAREC - Glass Greenhouse Potting Shed

5/18 Identifying Weeds Currently Seen in Your Landscape

Sherry Kern, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener

By studying weed samples, you will learn to look for specific characteristics to identify common weeds. Discussion will include life cycles and recommended management options.
10:00 am - 12 noon; HRAREC

6/1 Applications of Rain Gardens in the Home Garden

Demaris Yearick & John Wessel, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardeners

Learn about native plants that thrive in wet areas and the beneficial insects they attract.
9:00 am - 12 noon; Virginia Beach SPCA Rain Garden Rain Date - June 8,

10/5 Pollinators and Art from the Children's Garden*

Terri Belkhov & Mary Hubbard, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardeners

Learn about and find pollinators that live in the Children's Garden. Collect samples of native plants from the garden, dry them, then create beautiful pieces of art.
*This workshop is for children ages 4 - 10. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
9:00 am - 12 noon; Virginia Beach Farmer's Market - Children's Garden

10/26 Constructing a Raised Bed for Vegetable Gardens

Join VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardeners for a demonstration of the steps of constructing a raised bed for vegetable gardening.
9:00 am - 12 noon; Virginia Beach Farmer's Market - Kitchen Garden