

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; 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.
- **Little Free Library** - Located in the Theme Gardens & Kitchen Garden, 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 2020



Virginia
Beach
Central
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Free & Open to the Public

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 **2020 Gardening Talk lectures** are held at the **Virginia Beach Central Library**, located at **4100 Virginia Beach Blvd, 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 Farmers 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 vbm.org for a current list of open workshop registrations.

Follow us on Facebook for event announcements.

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

2020 Gardening Talks

3/2 Can the Woolly Bear Caterpillar Predict Winter?

Sherry Kern, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener

Observing natural events helps us predict life cycles of plants and insects, and climate changes confuse everything.

3/23 For the Love of House Plants

Kim Mack, Coach Kim for DIY Home Gardeners

Kim, who takes her plants personally, will cover the do's and don'ts of house plant care, potting choices, lighting, irrigation, & pest management. House plants improve our air and well being!

4/20 Urban Vegetable Gardening

John Wilson, Farmer John of Capstone Creations in Virginia Beach

This talk will discuss the importance of urban agriculture in our future, including ways to improve your own garden's fertility and harvesting over a longer period of time.

8/10 Cool-Season Turfgrasses

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

Learn about the various cool season turf types, including fescue, & how to establish & maintain them in your lawn.

9/28 Eco-Beneficial Design Strategies for the American Landscape

Meg French, Horticulturist, Landscaping & Lighting Designer

Meg will offer an enticing consideration for a fresh landscape design approach. Learn how to make beneficial & purposeful native plant choices to help restore ecological balance in our American landscapes.

10/26 Wicked & Scary Plants

*LuAnne Copeland, VCE Portsmouth Master Gardener
Cyndi Wyskiewicz, VCE Extension Agent, Portsmouth*

This is the perfect season to learn about poisonous plants in our landscapes or inside our homes & about unfriendly plants with characteristics such as thorns.

2020 Workshops

2/29 Tree Talks

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

3/14 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.
1:00 - 4:30 pm; HRAREC

3/14 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 Register at habitat5.eventbrite.com

Rain Barrel Workshops

Rain Barrel Workshops are held the second Saturday of each month, March - October, 9:00 - 10:00am.

Participants will learn about the benefits of installing a rain barrel, and construct a 55-gallon sealed barrel to take home, along with a diverter kit for easy installation.

March 14 ♦ April 11 ♦ May 9 ♦ June 13 ♦ July 11 ♦

August 8 ♦ September 12 ♦ October 10

All rain barrel workshops are held at the Virginia Beach Farmers Market, 3640 Dam Neck Rd.

Cost: \$50 per barrel.

Pre-registration required at www.vbm.org