

## 2019 Denton County Master Gardener Class Schedule

Dates	Topics	Instructors
January 29	<b>Master Gardener Intern Orientation</b> <b>Lunch provided by DCMGA Mentors</b> Reading Assignment: Pages 1-6 "The Texas Master Gardener Program"	Janet Laminack, Denton County Extension Agent; Master Gardeners & Testing/Evaluation Team
February 5	<b>Texas Master Gardener Association and Plant Growth &amp; Development</b> <b>All About VMS and DCMGA Website</b> Reading: Pages 1-1 thru 1-44 "Plant Growth & Development" <b>Lunch &amp; Learn: DCMGA Major Events</b>	Jayla Fry, State Coordinator for TX Master Gardeners  S Hudiburgh, S Cosio, & S Manfredi: DCMGA Technology
February 12	<b>The Soil Environment &amp; Prepping an Earth Kind Garden</b> Reading Assignment: Pages 2-1 thru 2-30 "Soil, Water & Plant Nutrients" <b>Lunch &amp; Learn: Sign Up Genius – Kaye Gross</b>	Daniel Cunningham, Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension
February 13 <b>Required Meeting for all Interns</b>	<b>Volunteer Opportunity Fair – Global Spheres Center – Meet Project Managers and Learn About Volunteer Opportunities!</b>	1.5 Volunteer Service Hours provided to Interns 9:30 to 11:30 AM
February 19	<b>Entomology &amp; Integrated Pest Management</b> Reading Assignment: Pages 4-7 thru 4-23 and Pages 4-40 thru 4-53 <b>Lunch &amp; Learn: Bugs in My Yard &amp; Suck a Bug!</b>	Dr. Mike Merchant, Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension
February 26	<b>Texas Trees and How to Care for Them</b> Reading Assignment: Pages 7-16 thru 7-21 "Trees & Shrubs" <b>Lunch &amp; Learn: Identifying Trees</b>	Texas Trees Foundation
March 5	<b>Plant Pathology</b> Reading Assignment: Pages 4-1 thru 4-7 "Plant Health Problems" & Pages 4-24 thru 4-39 "Infectious Plant Diseases" <b>Lunch &amp; Learn: What Disease is This?</b>	Dr. Kevin Ong, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
March 12	<b>Earth Kind Landscaping &amp; Identification of Texas Native Shrubs &amp; Flowers</b> Reading Assignment: Chapter 3, "Earth-Kind Landscaping" & Chapter 7, Pages 7-21 thru 7-63 "Landscape Maintenance" <b>Lunch &amp; Learn: Sharpening Your Tools</b>	Dr. Tim Hartmann, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
March 19	<b>Rainwater Harvesting &amp; Irrigation</b> Reading Assignment: Pages 3-1 thru 3-8, "Earth-Kind Landscaping – Rainwater catchment & Irrigation" <b>Lunch Support: VMS, Sign Up Genius, Testing</b>	Patrick Dickinson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension/Water University
March 26	<b>Turf Grass Culture</b> Reading Assignment: Review Pages 4-40 thru 4-53 "Weeds & Weed Management," Read Pages 8-1 thru 8-29 "Lawn Care" <b>Lunch &amp; Learn: Growing Super Greens</b>	Dr. Hennen Cummings, Tarleton State University

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April 2	<b>Plant Propagation</b> <b>3:30: Checking In – How’s It Going?</b> Reading Assignment: Review Pages 1-1 thru 1-44 “Plant Growth & Development”	DCMGA Propagation Team Mary Morrow
April 9	<b>Mycology: Fungi In the Garden</b> Reading Assignment: LAST ONE! Review Pages 3-1- thru 3-12 “Earth Kind Composting”, & 4-27, “Fungi” <b>Lunch &amp; Learn: Lasagna Gardening</b> <b>Composting: Daniel Arenas</b>	Sheila McBride, Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab  Daniel Arenas, DCMGA/Global Spheres
April 16	<b>Field Trip: 10:00 AM – Denton County Extension Office</b> <b>Lunch on Your Own</b>	Speakers TBA; SWAt Presentation
April 23	<b>Growing Fruits and Vegetables</b> <b>Lunch: Check In With Your Groups for Presentations Next Week</b> <b>Herbs</b>	Dr. Dottie Woodson and Janet Laminack, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
April 30	<b>Worm Ranching: The Art of Vermiculture and Congrats from Our Leaders!</b> Lunch Provided by DCMGA Mentors <b>Mini Field Trip Reports</b> <b>Intern Q&amp;A – What Happens Next?</b>	Pat and Don Edwards, DCMGA  Janet Laminack, Board, Mentors, Guests
May 7	<b>Class Make-Up Day If Needed</b>	We Hope Not!

**Class is held each Tuesday at Global Spheres Center in Corinth unless otherwise notified.** Global Spheres is located on the east access of IH35E approximately 1/4 mile north of the Swisher Road exit. The classroom is at the rear of the campus at Solomon’s Porch. Signs will be posted.

**Class Attendance** is critical to your success as a Master Gardener. The minimum class hours you must achieve is 70 hours, but you are expected to attend all classes. **If you will be absent or late to any class, you must contact the Class Admin listed before 9:00 AM.** A make-up class may be required. If more than one class is missed, continuation in the program is at the discretion of the Extension Agent. **In case of bad weather**, please listen to local radio and television. If Denton County offices are closed or delayed in opening, DCMGA classes will also be canceled or delayed. Email notification to Interns will occur ASAP. **Class begins promptly at 9:00AM.** Lunch is from noon until 12:55PM. Interns should plan on eating on-site. Class begins again promptly at 1:00 PM and ends around 4:00 PM. Tardiness is disruptive; please be on time. **Weekly quizzes and surveys are required** curriculum components, as are pre- and post-tests.

**The Class Field Trip is required attendance, as is participation in the Mini Field Trips. Mini Field Trips provide 4 hours volunteer service time. DCMGA’s Volunteer Opportunity Fair is also required attendance on February 13, 2019 at Global Spheres Center. The Fair offers all volunteer opportunities for Interns and veterans. Interns receive 1.5 volunteer service hours for attendance to the Fair.**

**Lunch & Learn Series** classes present practical gardening information, events and hands on learning. These series are voluntary, do not provide service or educational hours, and are held during the lunch hour.

**May 7 is scheduled as a Make-Up Day – Mark Your Calendar as it will be a required class if needed. The deadline for all Intern service hour and educational hour entries in VMS is December 15, 2019.**