

2020 Denton County Master Gardener Class Schedule

Dates	Topics	Instructors
January 28 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara, Sonny	Master Gardener Intern Orientation Lunch provided by DCMGA Mentors Reading Assignment: Chapter 1, Pages 1-8 "Welcome, Master Gardeners"	Janet Laminack, Denton County Extension Agent; Master Gardeners & Testing/Evaluation Team
February 4 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara, Sonny	Texas Master Gardener Association and Plant Growth & Development All About VMS and DCMGA Website Reading: Chapter 3, Pages 29 - 46 "Plant Development" Lunch & Learn: DCMGA Major Events Tool School Native Ornamental Plants	Jayla Fry, State Coordinator for TX Master Gardeners S Hudiburgh, S Cosio, & S Manfredi: DCMGA Technology Sharon and Bill Coleman Liz Moyer
February 11 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara, Sonny	The Soil Environment & Prepping an Earth Kind Garden Reading Assignment: Chapter 5, Pages 73 - 86 "Soil Characteristics" and Chapter 6, Pages 87 - 112 "Soil Improvement" Lunch & Learn: Sign-Up Genius & Mini Field Trip Assignments *Mandatory Attendance	Daniel Cunningham, Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Kaye Gross & LeeAnn Yates
February 19 Required Meeting for all Interns	Volunteer Opportunity Fair – Global Spheres Center – Meet Project Managers and Learn About Volunteer Opportunities!	1.5 Volunteer Service Hours provided to Interns 9:30 to 11:30 AM
February 18 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara, Sonny	Texas Trees and How to Care for Them Reading Assignment: Chapter 8, Pages 133 - 166 "Ornamental Plants" and Chapter 12, Pages 309 - 322 "Landscape Design" Lunch & Learn: Identifying Trees Landscape Design and Firewise Landscaping	Texas Trees Foundation Shirlee Singer
February 25 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara, Sonny	Plant Pathology Reading Assignment: Chapter 14, Pages 357 - 372 "Diseases" Lunch & Learn: What Disease is This?	Dr. Kevin Ong, AgriLife Research & Extension
March 3 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara, Sonny	Entomology & Integrated Pest Management Reading Assignment: Chapter 13, Pages 323 - 356 "Integrated Pest Management" and Chapter 15, Pages 373 - 390 "Insects" Lunch & Learn: Bugs in My Yard & Suck a Bug!	Dr. Mike Merchant, Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension
March 10 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara, Sonny	Rainwater Harvesting & Irrigation Reading Assignment: Chapter 7, Pages 113 - 132 "Water" Lunch Support: VMS, Sign Up Genius, Testing	Daniel Cunningham, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension/Water University
March 17	Earth Kind Landscaping & Identification of Texas Native Shrubs & Flowers	Tim Hartmann, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Class Admin:Kim, Barbara, Sonny	Reading Assignment: Chapter 2, Pages 9 - 28 "Earth-Kind Landscaping" Lunch & Learn: SPLASH/Help Desk	
March 24 Class Admin:Kim, Barbara, Sonny	Turf Grass Culture Reading Assignment: Chapter 9, Pages 167 - 190 "Lawn Care" and Chapter 16, Pages 391 - 406 "Weeds" Lunch & Learn: Growing Super Greens	Dr. Hennen Cummings, Tarleton State University
March 31 Class Admin:Kim, Barbara, Sonny	Plant Propagation 3:30: Checking In – How's It Going? Reading Assignment: Chapter 4, Pages 47 - 72 "Plant Propagation"	DCMGA Propagation Team Mary Morrow
April 7 Class Admin:Kim, Barbara, Sonny	Field Trip: Water University LUNCH ON YOUR OWN! Afternoon Time for Meeting With Your Mini Filed Trip Teams	Water University Staff
April 14 Class Admin:Kim, Barbara, Sonny	Mycology: Fungi In the Garden Reading Assignment: Chapter 10, Pages 191 - 258 "Vegetables and Herbs" Lunch & Learn: Lasagna Gardening Composting: Daniel Arenas	Sheila McBride, Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab Daniel Arenas, DCMGA/Global Spheres
April 21 Class Admin:Kim, Barbara, Sonny	Growing Fruits and Vegetables At Extension Office! 401 W. Hickory, Denton Reading Assignment: Chapter 11, Pages 259 - 308 "Fruit Trees, Berries, and Pecans" Lunch: SWAt Presentation Tour of Extension Office and Office Etiquette	Dr. Dottie Woodson and Janet Laminack, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
April 28 Class Admin:Kim, Barbara, Sonny	Worm Ranching: The Art of Vermiculture and Congrats from Our Leaders! Lunch Provided by DCMGA Mentors Mini Field Trip Reports Intern Q&A – What Happens Next?	Pat and Don Edwards, DCMGA Janet Laminack, Board, Mentors, Guests
May 5	Weather Make-Up Day If Needed	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**

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on **February 19, 2020** 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. Most of the sessions in this series are voluntary, do not provide service or educational hours, and are held during the lunch hour.
- **May 5 is scheduled as a Make-Up Day in the event we have to cancel a class due to Weather– Mark Your Calendar as it will be a required class if needed. The deadline for all Intern service hours and educational hour entries in VMS is December 15, 2020.**