

2021 Denton County Master Gardener Class Schedule

Dates	Topics	Instructors
January 26 Class Admin: Class Admin: Kim, Barbara	-Master Gardener Intern Orientation -Hands-On Learning: Testing Instructions -Reading Assignment: Chapter 1, Pages 1-8 “Welcome, Master Gardeners” -NO ONLINE MODULE FOR WEEK 1	Janet Laminack, Denton County Extension Agent; Master Gardeners, BoD & Mary Cissell and Bernadette Gilbert, Testing/Evaluation Team
February 2 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara	-Plant Development -Hands-On Learning: All About VMS and DCMGA Website -Reading: Chapter 3, Pages 29 - 46, “Plant Development” -Online Module #1	Jayla Fry, State Coordinator for TX Master Gardeners; S Hudiburgh, S Cosio, & S Manfredi: DCMGA Technology
February 9 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara	-The Soil Environment & Prepping an Earth Kind Garden -Hands-On Learning: Tool School & Sign Up Genius -Reading Assignment: Chapter 5, Pages 73 - 86 “Soil Characteristics” and Chapter 6, Pages 87 - 112, “Soil Improvement” -Online Module #2	Daniel Cunningham, Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension; Kaye Gross, Sharon and Bill Coleman
February 10 Required Meeting for all Interns	Volunteer Opportunity Fair – Meet Project Managers and Learn About Volunteer Opportunities!	2 Volunteer Service Hours provided to Interns 9:30 to 11:30 AM
February 16 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara	-Texas Trees and How to Care for Them -Native Plants In The Landscape -Hands-On Learning: Tree ID, Tree Pruning -Reading Assignment: Chapter 8, Pages 133 - 166, “Ornamental Plants” and Chapter 12, Pages 309 - 322, “Landscape Design” -Online Module #7	Texas Trees Foundation, Liz Moyer, Hands-On Team & Pat Moyer
February 23 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara	-Plant Pathology -Hands On Learning: What Disease is This? -Reading Assignment: Chapter 14, Pages 357 - 372 “Diseases” -Online Module #4	Dr. Kevin Ong, AgriLife Research & Extension; Hands-On Team
March 2 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara	-Entomology & Integrated Pest Management -Lunch & Learn: Bugs in My Yard & Suck a Bug! -Reading Assignment: Chapter 13, Pages 323 - 356 “Integrated Pest Management” and Chapter 15, Pages 373 - 390 “Insects” -NO ONLINE MODULE FOR WEEK 6	Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension; Hands-On Team
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March 9 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara	-Rainwater Harvesting & Irrigation -Firewise Landscaping -Hands-On Learning: Intern Check-In -Reading Assignment: Chapter 7, Pages 113 - 132 "Water" -NO ONLINE MODULE FOR WEEK 7	Daniel Cunningham, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension/Water University; Shirlee Singer
March 16 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara	-Earth Kind Landscaping & Identification of Texas Native Shrubs & Flowers -Hands-On Learning: SPLASH/Help Desk -Reading Assignment: Chapter 2, Pages 9 - 28 "Earth-Kind Landscaping" -Online Module #3	Tim Hartmann, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension; Hands-On Team
March 23 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara	-Turf Grass Culture -Hands-On Learning: Growing Super Greens -Reading Assignment: Chapter 9, Pages 167 - 190 "Lawn Care" and Chapter 16, Pages 391 - 406 "Weeds" -Online Module #8	Dr. Hennen Cummings, Tarleton State University; Hands-On Team
March 30 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara	-Plant Propagation: Locations TBA -Reading Assignment: Chapter 4, Pages 47 - 72 "Plant Propagation" -NO ONLINE MODULE FOR WEEK 10	DCMGA Propagation Team, Mary Morrow
April 6 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara	-Mycology: Fungi In the Garden -Composting: Daniel Arenas -Hands-On Learning: Lasagna Gardening -Reading Assignment: Chapter 10, Pages 191 - 258 "Vegetables and Herbs" -NO ONLINE MODULE FOR WEEK 11	Sheila McBride, Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab; Daniel Arenas, DCMGA/Global Spheres; Hands-On Team
April 13 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara	Growing Fruits -Reading Assignment: Chapter 11, Pages 259 - 308 "Fruit Trees, Berries, and Pecans" -Online Module #5	Dr. Dottie Woodson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
April 20 Class Admin: Kim, Barbara	Growing Vegetables and Herbs -Reading Assignment: Chapter 10, Pages 191 - 258 "Vegetables and Herbs" -Online Module #6	Janet Laminack, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
April 27 Class Admin: Kim Barbara	-Worm Ranching: The Art of Vermiculture -Congrats from Our Leaders! -Intern Q&A – What Happens Next?	Pat and Don Edwards, DCMGA Janet Laminack, Board, Mentors, Guests
May 4	Make-Up Day If Needed For Weather, Technology Outage, etc.	We Hope Not!

- **Class is held each Tuesday via Zoom unless otherwise notified. 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.** If more than two classes are missed, continuation in the program is at the discretion of the Extension Agent. **In case of bad weather or other circumstances that may hinder the ability to meet,** please check your email. Notification to Interns will occur ASAP. **Classes begin promptly at 9:00AM and continue until around 1:00 PM.** Tardiness will result in a time deduction, so please be on time. **Weekly quizzes and evaluations are required** curriculum components, as are **Pre- and Post-tests.** The time spent in **Zoom Propagation Classes will count 4 hours each towards the minimum training hours. Documentation of completion will be made by the Administration.**
- Additionally, **online training modules, reading and weekly tests and evaluation** must be completed prior to class each week. The weeks containing **online modules count as 2 hours each towards the minimum training hours, and documentation of completion by the interns is required. Weeks with no online modules still have reading assignments and tests and will count for 1 hour each. Documentation of completion of modules is the responsibility of the interns. Documentation of completion of the weekly tests will be done by the Testing Team.**
- **DCMGA's Volunteer Opportunity Fair is also required attendance on February 10.** The Fair offers all volunteer opportunities for Interns and veterans. **Interns receive 2 volunteer service hours for attendance to the Fair.**
- **May 4 is scheduled as a Make-Up Day in the event we have to cancel a class due to power outages or other circumstances. Please 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, 2021.**