

2022 Denton County Master Gardener Class Schedule

Dates	Topics	Instructors
January 25	-Master Gardener Intern Orientation -Hands-On Learning: Testing Instructions -Reading Assignment: Chapter 1, Pages 1-8 “Welcome, Master Gardeners”	Janet Laminack, Denton County Extension Agent; Master Gardeners, BoD & Mary Cissell and Bernadette Gilbert, Testing/Evaluation Team
February 1	-Plant Development -Hands-On Learning: All About VMS and DCMGA Website -Reading: Chapter 3, Pages 29 - 46, “Plant Development”	Jayla Fry, State Coordinator for TX Master Gardeners; S Cosio, L Greer, S Manfredi, E Steel: DCMGA Technology
February 8	-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”	Daniel Cunningham, Former Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension; Nick Barrows
February 9 Required Meeting for all Interns	Volunteer Opportunity Fair – Meet Project Managers and Learn About Volunteer Opportunities!	2 Volunteer Service Hours provided to Interns 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
February 15	-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”	Texas Trees Foundation, Liz Moyer, Hands-On Team & Pat Moyer
February 22	-Plant Pathology -Hands On Learning: What Disease is This? -Reading Assignment: Chapter 14, Pages 357 - 372 “Diseases”	Dr. Kevin Ong, AgriLife Research & Extension; Hands-On Team
March 1	-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”	Janet Hurley, Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension; Hands-On Team
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March 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Rainwater Harvesting & Irrigation -Firewise Landscaping -Hands-On Learning: Intern Check-In -Reading Assignment: Chapter 7, Pages 113 - 132 "Water" 	<p>Patrick Dickenson, Former Texas A&M AgriLife Extension/Water University; Shirlee Singer</p> <p>Hands-On: Lee Greer</p>
March 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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" 	<p>Tim Hartmann, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension; Hands-On Team</p>
March 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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" 	<p>Dr. Hennen Cummings, Tarleton State University; Hands-On Team</p>
March 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Plant Propagation: Locations TBA -Reading Assignment: Chapter 4, Pages 47 - 72 "Plant Propagation" 	<p>DCMGA Propagation Team, Mary Morrow</p>
April 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mycology: Fungi In the Garden -Composting: Daniel Arenas -Hands-On Learning: Lasagna Gardening -Reading Assignment: Chapter 10, Pages 191 - 258 "Vegetables and Herbs" 	<p>Sheila McBride, Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab; Daniel Arenas, DCMGA/Global Spheres; Hands-On Team</p>
April 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growing Fruits -Reading Assignment: Chapter 11, Pages 259 - 308 "Fruit Trees, Berries, and Pecans" 	<p>Michael Cook, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension</p>
April 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growing Vegetables and Herbs -Reading Assignment: Chapter 10, Pages 191 - 258 "Vegetables and Herbs" 	<p>Dr. Dottie Woodson, Retired & Janet Laminack, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension</p>
April 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Worm Ranching: The Art of Vermiculture -Congrats from Our Leaders! -Intern Q&A – What Happens Next? 	<p>Pat and Don Edwards, DCMGA</p> <p>Janet Laminack, Board, Mentors, Guests</p>
May 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make-Up Day If Needed For Weather or Other Reason 	<p>We Hope Not!</p>

- **Class is held each Tuesday at Global Spheres unless otherwise notified. Class Attendance** is critical to your success as a Master Gardener. The **minimum class training time you must achieve is 70 hours**. Although you are allowed a maximum of 2 absences, you are expected to attend all classes if possible. **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 email. Notification to Interns will occur ASAP. **Classes begin promptly at 9:00 AM and continue until 4:00 PM**. Tardiness and leaving early 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**.
- **DCMGA's Volunteer Opportunity Fair is also required for attendance on February 9**. The Fair offers all volunteer opportunities for Interns and veterans. **Interns receive 2 volunteer service hours for attendance at the Fair**.
- Interns will be required to participate in a **Mini Field Trip project** with a group of classmates and present a presentation on the last day of class. **The time spent on this project will take place outside of class and will count for up to 4 volunteer service hours**.
- **May 3 is scheduled as a Make-Up Day in the event we have to cancel a class due to extenuating circumstances. Please mark your calendar as it will be a required class if needed**.
- **In addition to training, Interns are required to log 70 Volunteer Service hours during 2022**.
- **The deadline for all Intern Volunteer Service hours and Training hours entries in VMS is December 15, 2022**.