

## 2023 Denton County Master Gardener Class Schedule

Dates	Topics	Instructors
January 31	<b>-AM: Master Gardener Intern Orientation</b> <b>-PM: Testing Instructions</b> <b>-Reading Assignment: Chapter 1, Pages 1-8</b> <b>“Welcome, Master Gardeners”</b>	Janet Laminack, Denton County Extension Agent; Master Gardeners, BoD & Mary Cissell and Bernadette Gilbert, Testing/Evaluation Team
February 7	<b>-AM: Plant Development</b> <b>-PM: All About VMS and DCMGA Website</b>  <b>-Reading: Chapter 3, Pages 29 - 46, “Plant Development”</b>	Jayla Fry, State Coordinator for TX Master Gardeners; S Cosio, L Greer, T Gurley, S Hudiburgh, S Manfredi, P Nobles, K Wootton: DCMGA VMS Team and Webmaster, Melissa Migis, Class Admin
February 8	<b>Volunteer Opportunity Fair – Meet Project Managers and Learn About Volunteer Opportunities!</b>	2 Volunteer Service Hours provided to Interns 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
February 14	<b>All Day: The Soil Environment &amp; Prepping an Earth Kind Garden</b> <b>-Lunch and Learn: Tool School &amp; Bucket List</b> <b>-Reading Assignment: Chapter 5, Pages 73 - 86</b> <b>“Soil Characteristics” and Chapter 6, Pages 87 - 112, “Soil Improvement”</b>	Brad Voss, Collin County Horticulture Agent, Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension; Nick Barrows: Tool School Video
February 21	<b>-AM: Texas Trees and How to Care for Them</b> <b>-PM: Native Plants in The Landscape &amp; Tree Pruning</b> <b>-Lunch and Learn: Tree ID</b> <b>-Reading Assignment: Chapter 8, Pages 133 - 166, “Ornamental Plants” and Chapter 12, Pages 309 - 322, “Landscape Design”</b>	Courtney Blevins, Texas A&M Forestry Service; Liz Moyer, Pat Moyer; Lunch and Learn Team
February 28	<b>-All Day: Plant Pathology</b> <b>-Lunch and Learn: What Disease is This?</b> <b>-Reading Assignment: Chapter 14, Pages 357 - 372 “Diseases”</b>	Dr. Kevin Ong, AgriLife Research & Extension; Lunch and Learn Team
March 7	<b>-AM &amp; PM: Growing Vegetables</b> <b>-PM: Herbs</b> <b>-Lunch and Learn: Growing Super Greens</b> <b>-Reading Assignment: Chapter 10, Pages 191 - 258 “Vegetables and Herbs”</b>	Daniel Cunningham, Rooted In

March 14	<b>-All Day: Rainwater Harvesting &amp; Irrigation</b> <b>-Lunch and Learn: Making a Rain Barrel</b> <b>-Reading Assignment: Chapter 7, Pages 113 - 132 "Water"</b>	Fouad Jaber & Dean Mincillo Texas A&M AgriLife Extension; Lunch and Learn Team
March 21	<b>-AM &amp; PM: EarthKind Landscaping</b> <b>-PM: Firewise Landscaping</b> <b>-Lunch and Learn: SPLASH/Help Desk</b> <b>-Reading Assignment: Chapter 2, Pages 9 - 28 "Earth-Kind Landscaping"</b>	Dr. Becky Bowling, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension; Lunch and Learn Team
March 28	<b>-Turfgrass Culture</b> <b>-Lunch and Learn: ?</b> <b>-Reading Assignment: Chapter 9, Pages 167 - 190 "Lawn Care" and Chapter 16, Pages 391 - 406 "Weeds"</b>	Dr. Hennen Cummings, Tarleton State University; Lunch and Learn Team
April 4	<b>-Entomology &amp; Integrated Pest Management</b> <b>-Lunch &amp; Learn: Suck-A-Bug</b> <b>-Reading Assignment: Chapter 13, Pages 322 - 356 "Integrated Pest Management" and Chapter 15, Pages 373 - 390 "Insects"</b>	Janet Hurley, Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension; Lunch and Learn Team
April 11	<b>-AM: Mycology: Fungi In the Garden</b> <b>-PM: Composting &amp; Composting Tour: Daniel Arenas</b> <b>-Lunch and Learn: Lasagna Gardening</b>  <b>-Reading Assignment: Chapter 10, Pages 191 - 258 "Vegetables and Herbs"</b> <b>*NO TEST, ONLY EVALUATION THIS WEEK!</b>	Sheila McBride, Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab; Daniel Arenas, DCMGA/Global Spheres;
April 18	<b>Growing Fruits</b> <b>-Lunch and Learn: ?</b> <b>-Reading Assignment: Chapter 11, Pages 259 - 308 "Fruit Trees, Berries, and Pecans"</b>	Michael Cook and Dr. Tim Hartmann Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Lunch and Learn Team
April 25	<b>-All Day: Plant Propagation: Locations TBA</b> <b>-Reading Assignment: Chapter 4, Pages 47 - 72 "Plant Propagation"</b>	Mary Morrow and Plant Propagation Team
May 2	<b>-AM: Worm Ranching: The Art of Vermiculture</b> <b>-AM: Congrats from Our Leaders!</b> <b>-PM: SWAt Presentation and Tour of Resource Room</b> <b>-Intern Q&amp;A – What Happens Next?</b> <b>NOTE: Class will be held at the Extension Office</b>	Pat and Don Edwards, DCMGA  SWAt, Board, Mentors, Guests

May 9	<b>Make-Up Day If Needed For Weather or Other Reason</b>	We Hope Not!
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- **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 in person, 1:00 PM virtually**. 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 mandatory for attendance on February 8**. 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 9 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 2023**.
- **The deadline for all Intern Volunteer Service hours and Training hours entries in VMS is December 15, 2023**.

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