



The Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program

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New Master Gardener Class Forming

FRONT ROYAL, VA (January 12, 2015) - The Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association is accepting applications through January 27th for its 2015 Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Class. Residents of the counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren are invited to enroll. To request an application, please email mgclass2015@yahoo.com.

The 2015 annual training class sessions run from early February through early May and will be held in Front Royal, Virginia. For their tuition of \$225.00, students will receive a comprehensive Master Gardener Handbook, the Virginia Cooperative Extension Pest Management Guide, the results of a personal Cooperative Extension Soil Analysis, instruction from gardening experts, and field experience.

Coursework includes plant propagation and pruning, soils and fertilizers, botany, plant identification and pathology, invasive plants and native substitutes, water awareness, insects, pest control, landscaping, pruning, lawns, annuals and perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and berries, vegetables, and other related areas of home gardening.

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association (www.nsvmga.org) serves the counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren. Extension Master Gardeners are volunteer educators who work within their communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management, education and training. As an educational program of Virginia Cooperative Extension, Extension Master Gardeners bring the resources of Virginia's land-grant universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, to the people of the commonwealth.



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