

VCE Master Gardener Volunteers are available to speak to garden clubs, businesses, libraries, civic groups, and other community organizations on a wide range of home gardening topics.

Speaker presentations are generally 30 - 45 minutes long and allow time for questions. If requested, some presentations are adaptable for children's/youth groups and/or for hands-on or interactive workshops.

VCE Master Gardener Volunteers do not charge a fee for speaking.

Any donation or honorarium from your organization will help NSVMGA continue its community education efforts in the Northern Shenandoah Valley. Checks should be made payable to NSVMGA with the speaker's name in the memo.

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association supports its members, Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteers serving the counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren.

VCE Master Gardener Volunteers are educators who work within their communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management, education, and training. Extension Master Gardener Volunteers are required to continue their education each year to stay up to date on current issues and recommendations for home gardeners.

As an educational program of Virginia Cooperative Extension, Extension Master Gardener Volunteers 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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## Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association Speakers Bureau



Serving Clarke, Frederick, Page,  
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VCE Master Gardener  
Volunteer Speakers  
for Groups, Clubs, and Other  
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**- Free Talks For All Ages -**

# Extension Master Gardener Speaker Topics

Visit our website at [NSVMGA.org/speakers](http://NSVMGA.org/speakers)  
or contact us at [bit.ly/MGSpeakers](http://bit.ly/MGSpeakers) to arrange a talk.



**Soil**  
Healthy Soils/Soil Testing

**Compost**  
Making & Using Compost

**Plant Propagation**  
Propagation Overview  
Plant Division = Free Plants  
Seed Saving

**Vegetables**  
Vegetable Gardening  
History of & How to  
Grow Potatoes  
Growing Perfect Veggies  
Companion Planting  
Edible Plants



**Trees and Shrubs**  
Right Tree for the Right Spot

**Flowers**  
Plants that Come Back

**Houseplants**  
Tips for Growing Houseplants

**Native Plants**  
Native Plants Overview  
Native Plants for Wildlife  
Native Plants for Pollinators

**Pollinators**  
Growing a Pollinator Garden  
Pollinator Habitats  
Pollinator Plants Spring to Fall  
Monarch Way Stations  
Start a Monarch Garden



**Wildlife**  
Wildlife in the Garden  
Attracting Native Wildlife

**Children & Youth**  
Create School Garden Programs  
Gardening with Children  
Terrariums  
Water Gardens/Backyard Ponds

**Arts & Crafts**  
Christmas Wreaths/  
Arrangements  
Growing and Using  
Birdhouse Gourds  
Growing & Using Dried Flowers  
Hypertufa Containers  
Living Wreaths  
Natural Christmas Ornaments  
Pine Cone Wreaths

**Design**  
Hardscaping for Homeowners  
Homeowner Landscape Design  
Alternatives to Grass Lawns

**Historic Sites**  
Belle Grove Plantation Gardens  
Corhaven Graveyard and  
Plant Tributes  
Williamsburg Style Decorations



**Theme Gardens**  
Cottage Gardens  
Memorial Gardens - Special  
Garden Spaces  
No-Time-for-Gardening Gardens  
Out-of-the-Box Gardens  
Small-Space Gardens  
Therapeutic Gardens – Creating  
Healing Garden Spaces

**Water**  
Water Gardens/Backyard Ponds  
Water Wise Gardening

**Gardening Methods**  
Budget Gardening  
Lasagna Gardening

All requests are dependent upon speaker availability.

If you have a specific request other than those shown, let us know, and we'll try to find someone able to speak to the subject.

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