



Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association

ABOUT US

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association supports its members who are Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. VCE Master Gardener Volunteers are community educators who come from a diverse range of backgrounds and encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management, education, and training. They are required to complete 50 hours of classroom instruction and hands-on training, as well as 50 hours of community service, to qualify for the program. To remain active in subsequent years, Master Gardeners must complete eight hours of training yearly and complete 20 hours of community service. As an education 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 community.

Through the Speakers Bureau, VCE Master Gardener Volunteers are available to speak to garden clubs, businesses, libraries, civic groups, and other community organizations on topics outlined here or specially requested topics (See reverse side for details).

- Speaker presentations are 30-40 minutes long, with time for questions.
- Children and youth groups can be accommodated with 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. NSVMGA serves the City of Winchester, Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties. Make donation checks payable to Treasurer of Virginia Tech and funds will be used to support NSVMGA consumer horticulture programming.

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SPEAKERS BUREAU



Volunteer Speakers available for
 groups, clubs, and events on
 various gardening topics





SPEAKER TOPICS



Children and Youth Programs

Gardening with Children
Building terrariums
Water Gardens/Backyard Ponds

Compost

Making and using compost

Demonstration Gardens

Belle Grove Plantation Teaching Garden
Historic Glenn Burnie Gardens at the MSV
Monticello/Thomas Jefferson's Gardens
Williamsburg Style Gardens

Flowers

Perennial Gardening/Plants that come back
Daylilies
The Cutting Garden
Everlasting Flowers
Fall bulbs/Spring Bulbs
Favorite Annuals

Gardening for Makers

Growing and using Birdhouse Gourds
Growing and using Dried Flowers
Natural Christmas Ornaments

Gardening Methods

Budget Gardening
Herb Gardening
Invasive Species - Plants and Insects
Lasagna Gardening
The No-Till Garden
Raised Bed Gardens
Sustainable gardening practices
Square Foot Gardens

Houseplants

Tips for growing houseplants
African Violets
Orchids
Forcing bulbs for winter enjoyment

Landscape Gardening

Principles of Landscape Design
Landscaping with Native Plants
Alternatives to Grass Lawns/Ground Covers
Hardscaping for Homeowners
Ornamental Grasses

Native Plants

Why Natives?
Native Plants for Wildlife
Pollinator Gardens using natives
Butterfly Gardens

Plant Propagation

Propagation Methods
Plant Division/Free Plants
Seed Saving

Pollinators

Best Pollinator Plants
Creating Pollinator Habitats
Plants for Establishing a Pollinator Garden
Monarch Way Stations
How to start a Monarch garden

Soils

Soil Testing/Creating Healthy Soils

Theme Gardens

Cottage Gardens
The Herb Garden
Memorial Gardens
Heat Zone Gardens
Out of the Box Gardens
Small Space Gardens
Therapeutic Gardens/Healing Gardens
The Scented Garden
Moon Gardens
No Time for Gardening Gardens/Low Maintenance Gardens

Trees and Shrubs

Right Tree for your site
Native Trees
Native alternatives for common landscape plants
Plants for winter interest
Fruit trees

Vegetables

Establishing a backyard vegetable garden
History of growing potatoes/How to grow potatoes
Best Veggies for the Home Garden
Companion Planting
Edible Flowers

Water

Water Gardens/Backyard Ponds
Rain Gardens
Water Wise Gardens
Drought Tolerant Gardens/Xeriscaping

Wildlife

Attracting Native Wildlife
Deer-resistant plants
What to feed the birds? Winter berries and seeds