

## Other Learning Opportunities:

- 2018 Rain Barrel Workshops

March 10 ♦ April 14 ♦ May 12 ♦ June 9 ♦ July 14 ♦

August 11 ♦ September 8 ♦ October 13

All rain barrel workshops are held at the Virginia Beach Farmer's Market, 3640 Dam Neck Rd., 9 - 10am. Cost: \$50 per barrel. Pre-registration required at [www.vbmga.org](http://www.vbmga.org)

- **Plant Doctor Clinics** - 2018 Schedule Coming Soon!
- **Garden Tours** - Tours are available at most demonstration gardens.
- **Fall Gardening Festival** - Annual education event featuring garden speakers, demonstrations, tours, and children's activities.
- **Youth Education** - Youth programs include Ready, Set, Grow!; Be Water Wise; Tree Dormancy Program; Arbor Day Program; & HRAREC Gardens School Tours.
- **Speakers Bureau** - Master Gardener volunteers provide presentations on a variety of gardening topics for garden clubs, community organizations, schools, and other groups. For more information, a complete list of topics, or to request a speaker, visit [www.vbmga.org](http://www.vbmga.org)>Request a Program.



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## Gardening Talks & Workshops 2018



## Free & Open to the Public



Virginia Beach  
Master Gardeners

The Gardening Talks & Workshops committee of the Virginia Beach Master Gardeners plans and hosts a series of lectures and workshops for the public each year.

The one-hour **Gardening Talk lectures** are held at the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, located at 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd, on Monday evenings throughout the year. All talks begin at **7 p.m.** Speakers provide a variety of garden-related information appropriate for gardeners of all skill levels. The lectures are not sequential, so you can attend all or just your favorite topics. All talks are free and open to the public. No registration is required.

**Workshops** are scheduled throughout the year to provide a hands-on experience for attendees. Participants work directly with Master Gardeners to complete projects or learn first-hand skills and techniques for working in their own gardens. Workshops are free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required, as each workshop is limited to a certain number of participants.

Workshops are held in various locations:

**HRAREC** - Hampton Roads Agricultural Research & Extension Center, 1444 Diamond Springs Rd.

**Virginia Beach Farmer’s Market** - 3640 Dam Neck Rd. The Kitchen & Pollinator Gardens are located behind the Rural Heritage Center.

**Gardening Talks & Workshops** are open to adults and children of all ages. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, please email the committee at [vbmgapublicworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:vbmgapublicworkshops@gmail.com).

Jan 29	<b><u>Beekeeping Basics</u></b> <i>Pam Fisher, VCE Chesapeake Master Gardener &amp; beekeeper</i> Learn beekeeping basics from an expert & safety around bees.
Feb 26	<b><u>From the Ground Up – 5 Steps to Vegetable Gardening</u></b> <i>Gil Gillespie, VCE Norfolk Master Gardener</i> Successful vegetable gardening starts with planning & preparation, goes through selection and planting, & ends with good eating!
Mar 26	<b><u>Perennially Yours – Harness the Power of Perennial Plants for Your Garden!</u></b> <i>Liz Maurer, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener</i> Whether your garden is in sun or shade, wet or dry, perennials can provide color & texture all through the year, and in time, yield extra plants to share with friends & family. Learn which perennials are reliable in our area.
Apr 30	<b><u>Straw Bale Gardening</u></b> <i>Fred Ball, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener</i> Straw bale gardening is fun and easy, especially if your space is limited.
May 21	<b><u>How to Make Compost in 30 Days!</u></b> <i>Alice Brown, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener</i> Learn how to quickly turn your kitchen and yard waste into a nutrient-rich soil amendment to improve your landscape and garden beds.
Jun 25	<b><u>Pruning: It’s All in the Timing</u></b> <i>Molly O’ Liddy, Urban Forester, Virginia Department of Forestry</i> Pruning should be a regular part of all shrub & tree maintenance. Proper pruning involves the selective removal of plant parts to achieve a variety of desirable outcomes. Revitalize, control, & influence your plants today!
Jul 30	<b><u>Succulents in the Local Landscape: A Focus on Hardy Sedums</u></b> <i>Pat Stallings, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener</i> By looking at digital photos & live plants, learn to choose the sedums you want, pick the planting site, & on-going care for these succulents.
Aug 20	<b><u>Is Your Landscape Plant Sick?</u></b> <i>Sherry Kern, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener</i> Learn how to determine what may be wrong with your plant, what you can or cannot do about it, and what expectations are realistic.
Oct 8	<b><u>Herbs: Preserving the Harvest</u></b> <i>Cyndi Wyskiewicz, VCE Extension Agent - Horticulture, Portsmouth</i> Learn how to harvest, dry, and store your herbs.
Oct 22	<b><u>A Conversation About Insect Pests &amp; Your Home</u></b> <i>Jack Horsley, Technical Specialist, Terminix</i> Insect pests may have a significant impact on health or property value, which drives a need to control them. Some may look fearsome, but could be tolerated with little consequence. Here we will survey some common insects found in Hampton Roads & discuss which category they might fall into.
Nov 26	<b><u>Introduction to Hydroponics</u></b> <i>Brian Tromley, Owner, I Love Hydroponics</i> Brian will discuss types of hydroponic systems, pH, & the advantages of hydroponic gardening vs. growing plants in soil. He will also explain options for indoor lighting & hydroponic systems that work great outdoors.
Dec 3	<b><u>Orchids: 101</u></b> <i>Frank Drew, Past President &amp; Show Chairman, Tidewater Orchid Society</i> Learn tips on care, culture, bugs, repotting, and reblooming of orchids. Frank will answer all of your orchid questions!

Feb 16	<b><u>Creating a Backyard Wildlife Habitat</u></b> Work with certified VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardeners to develop a landscape plan that supports beneficial wildlife. <i>9:00 am - 12 noon; HRAREC</i>
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Feb 24	<b><u>Tree Talks</u></b> Pruning & planting basics, with information on tools, & tree & shrub care. <i>8:30 am - 2 pm; HRAREC</i>
Mar 24	<b><u>Irrigation for Your Home Gardens</u></b> <i>Joey Elliott, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener</i> Learn to plan, assemble, install, & operate your own home garden irrigation system. <i>10:00 - 11:30am; Virginia Beach Farmer’s Market Kitchen Garden</i>
Jun 23	<b><u>Paper, Paint, and Petals</u></b> <i>Linda Edwards, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener</i> Create your own paper seed bomb from recycled paper. Identify and use flowers to create your version of a Monet painting. <b>**This workshop is geared towards children, grades 2-4. Children must be accompanied by an adult.</b> <i>10:00 am - 12 noon; HRAREC</i>
Aug 4	<b><u>Tea Time in the Kitchen Garden</u></b> Learn how to grow and enjoy herbs for teas in your own backyard. <i>9:00-10:30am; Virginia Beach Farmer’s Market Kitchen Garden</i>
Aug 25	<b><u>Beneficial Insects in the Home Garden</u></b> <i>Karen Green, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener</i> Discover beneficial insects, their identities, & their role in pollination & ecological balance. Don’t miss this interesting and informative talk on a subject that every organic gardener needs to fully understand. <i>9:00 - 10:30 am; Virginia Beach Farmer’s Market Pollinator Garden</i>
Oct 27	<b><u>Bird Bark Butter Log</u></b> Attract many beautiful and colorful birds to your backyard with a bark butter log feeder. Build a bark butter log & whip up a batch of bark butter. <i>9:00-10:30am; HRAREC</i>

All workshops require pre-registration at EventBrite. Registration typically opens one month in advance of the workshop date. Visit [vbmg.org](http://vbmg.org) for a current list of open workshop registrations or follow us on Facebook for all event announcements.