

# GARDENING TALKS

7– 8 p.m. at Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library

## **May 22 Fighting Mosquitos in a Pollinator-Friendly Landscape:**

*Demaris Yearick, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener*

*Jessica Ruthenberg, Watchable Wildlife Biologist*

Jessica will focus on the habitat that discourages the mosquitos, and Demaris will discuss preventive methods.

## **Jun 5 Permaculture:**

*Jeff Hancock, VCE Suffolk Master Gardener*

Permaculture (permanent agriculture) is the conscious design and maintenance of agriculturally productive ecosystems and home landscapes to include diversity, stability, and resilience of natural ecosystems.

## **July 17 Butterflies in the Garden**

*Ruth Burch, VCE Virginia Beach*

*Master Gardener, Butterfly Society of Virginia, VA Native Plant Society*

Ruth will focus on some of the most common butterflies in our area and how to identify and attract them to your garden. Their life cycles will be shown and discussed.

## **Aug 7 Square Foot Gardening:**

*Tom West & Paul Zielger, VCE Norfolk Master Gardeners*

Basics of square foot gardening will be discussed. This method is a unique and versatile system that adapts to all levels of experience, physical ability, and geographical locations.

## **Oct 2 Vegetable Gardening from Beginning to End:**

*Pam Kern, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener*

Learn how to plan, plant and enjoy your vegetables (especially some you didn't know you could grow here) through the year.

## **Nov 6**

## **City of Virginia Beach Codes and Laws for Landscaping:**

*P.J. Skully, Virginia Beach Planning Department*

P. J. Skully with the VB Planning Department will discuss Virginia Beach policies and laws regarding landscape designs, especially those on waterways.

**All Gardening Talks & Workshops are  
FREE and open to the public.**

# WORKSHOPS

## **Jun 10 Walk and Talk Amongst the Weeds:**

*Sherry Kern, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener*

An outdoor walk to identify and discuss life cycles and management methods of common weeds found in Tidewater landscapes. (Will be held in room 125 with live samples during inclement weather.)

*9:00 - 11:00 am at Hampton Roads AREC*

Register at: [Weedstalkandtalk.eventbrite.com](http://Weedstalkandtalk.eventbrite.com) (Registration opens Apr 10, 2017)

## **May 20 "Bee" Involved in Pollinator Garden Restoration**

**Workshops: 3 Workshops Hosted by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation**

*Ruth Burch, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener, Butterfly Society of Virginia, & Virginia Native Plant Society;*

*Bill Gregory, BeeKeepers Guild of Southeast Virginia*

Ruth will discuss the important relationship between pollinators and native plants, while Bill provides an introduction to keeping honey bees. Workshop will follow in the Libby Norris Memorial Garden.

Bring garden gloves and wear work clothes for outdoor sessions.

*9:30 am - 1:00 pm at the Brock Environmental Center, 3663 Marlin Bay Ct, Virginia Beach, VA 23455*

Register at: [brockec1.eventbrite.com](http://brockec1.eventbrite.com) (Registration open now)

Rain Date - May 21

## **July 29 Program Information TBD.**

*9:30 am - 1:00 pm at the Brock Environmental Center*

*Registration information will be announced later*

Rain Date - July 30

## **Oct 21 Program Information TBD.**

*9:30 am - 1:00 pm at the Brock Environmental Center*

*Registration information will be announced later*

Rain Date - October 22

## **Aug 2 Herbs Then and Now:**

*Paula McCann, VCE Virginia Beach Master Gardener*

Learn about herbs used in Colonial times to Victorian times, to counteract the odors in the street and during a time when people bathed infrequently. Make your own little bouquet, a simple craft item that can act as potpourri later as it dries.

*9 - 10 am, Historic Lynnhaven House, VBMG Herb Garden*

Register at: [herbsthenandnow1.eventbrite.com](http://herbsthenandnow1.eventbrite.com) (Registration opens Jun 1, 2017)

## Rain Barrel Workshops with Virginia Beach Master Gardener Water Stewards

Rain Barrel Workshops will take place the second Saturday of the month, March - October from 9:00am - 10:00am at the Virginia Beach Farmer's Market. Workshops are \$50 and registration is required. Register at VBMG.ORG. Participants will build a 55-gallon sealed rain barrel and be given a free diverter kit to help with installation on their existing down spout.

### 2017 Dates:

March 11 • April 8 • May 13 • June 10 • July 8 •  
August 12 • September 9 • October 14

This is a family friendly event - children are welcome to come participate with their parents!

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