The Master Gardener Training is a basic horticulture course comprised of approximately 60 hours of classroom, field, and hands-on learning, with an on-line manual serving as a resource. In 2018, the training takes place over 16 consecutive Friday afternoons (12:30 PM to 4:00 PM), and one Saturday morning, from February 2 through May 18 at the University of Maine Regional Learning Center, 75 Clearwater Drive, Falmouth (except where noted). The focus is on small fruits and vegetables and touches on sustainable landscaping.

**Week 1**  
Friday, February 2, 2018  
**Orientation to the Cooperative Extension and the Master Gardener Program** with Cumberland County Extension Staff  
**Food Security/Hunger in Maine** – with Don Morrison, Wayside Food Programs

**Week 2**  
Friday, February 9, 2018  
**Soils and Fertilizers** with Jason Lilley, Sustainable Agriculture Professional, UMaine Extension

**Week 3**  
Friday, February 16, 2018  
**Botany for Home Gardeners** with Frank Wertheim, Educator, UMaine Extension

**Week 4**  
Friday, February 23, 2018  
**Composting Basics** and **Seed Starting** with Don Morrison, Wayside Food Programs and Clark Whittier, Master Gardeners

**Week 5**  
Friday, March 2, 2018  
**Growing Small Fruits, Part 1**, with David Handley, Small Fruit Specialist, UMaine Extension

**Week 6**  
Friday, March 9, 2018  
**Blueberry & Fruit Tree Pruning Field Experience** with Jason Lilley, Sustainable Agriculture Professional, UMaine Extension  
**Location:** TBA

**Week 7**  
Friday, March 16, 2018  
**Growing Small Fruits, Part 2** and **Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)**, with David Handley, Small Fruit Specialist, UMaine Extension

**Week 8**  
Friday, March 23, 2018  
**Growing Vegetables** with Mark Hutton, Vegetable Specialist, UMaine Extension
9 Friday, March 30, 2018  Being an Effective Master Garden Volunteer, with Kookie McNerney, Home Horticulture Coordinator, UMaine Extension

Garden Planning & Design, with Amy Witt, Horticulturist & Master Gardener, Earth Walkers.

10 Friday, April 6, 2018  Plant Pathology, with Alicyn Smart, Plant Pathologist, UMaine Extension

11 Friday, April 13, 2018  Pesticide Selection, Use and Storage with Megan Patterson, Board of Pesticides Control, Maine Department of Agriculture

12 Friday, April 20, 2018  Growing Tree Fruits with Renae Moran, Tree Fruit Specialist, UMaine Extension

Location: Highmoor Farm, Monmouth

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Snow Day Make-up (if needed)
(12:30PM - 4:00PM)

13 Friday, April 27, 2018  Farm Visit with Michial Russell, Farm Manager, Pearson’s Town Farm

Location: Pearson’s Town Farm, St. Joe’s College, Standish

14 Friday, May 4, 2018  Entomology with Clay Kirby, Entomologist, UMaine Extension

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Master Gardener Work Day - Participants will select several projects in Cumberland County on which to work. This hands-on experience is useful in learning how projects are initiated and implemented.

15 Friday May 11, 2018  Tree ID with Jan Ames Santerre & Kevin Doran, Maine Forest Service

Plant ID with Kookie McNerney

Take Home Exam

16 Friday, May 18, 2018  Practical Final Exam & Potluck Celebration 😊