

2019 Master Gardener Volunteer Training

York County Schedule

The Master Gardener Training is a basic horticulture course comprised of approximately 70 hours of classroom, field, and hands-on learning, with an on-line manual serving as a resource. In 2019,the **training will be held on Wednesday mornings (9:00 AM – 12:30 PM), with 2 Saturday mornings and 2 field trip sessions.** Classes will be held in the Downs Conference Room on the 5th floor of the Kennedy Center at 15 Oak St., Springvale, ME (*with the exception of field trips, our Master Gardener Annual Meeting, the Plant Sale and two classes to be held at Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm*). The focus of the training will be on plant and soil science, vegetable and fruit production, ornamental horticulture and sustainable landscaping.

**Date Topics**

Wednesday, 2/6 **Orientation to the Cooperative Extension and the Master Gardener Program**, and **Seed**

 **Starting** with *Frank Wertheim, Extension Professor*

Wednesday, 2/13 **Soil Basics for Gardeners Part 1 & Home Composting** with *Frank Wertheim*

Wednesday, 2/20  **Soil Basics for Gardeners Part 2 & Vermicomposting** with *Frank Wertheim*

Wednesday, 2/27 **Botany for Gardeners Part 1** with *Frank Wertheim*

Wednesday, 3/6 **Botany for Gardeners Part 2** with *Frank Wertheim*& **Food Security/Hunger in Maine**

 with *Frank Wertheim and Barbara Gagne, Good Shepherd Food Bank*

Wednesday, 3/13 **Volunteering in the Master Gardener Program – Project Overviews**& **Volunteer Risk**

 **Management** *with Frank Wertheim, Extension Educator*, Sue Tkacik, *Horticulturist*

Wednesday, 3/20 **Growing Small Fruit in Southern Maine** (Highbush Blueberries, Strawberries, Brambles)

 with *David Handley*, *Small Fruit Specialist, UMaine Extension*

Wednesday, 3/27 **Growing Small Fruit in Southern Maine** **PART II** (Grapes, Hardy Kiwi, Elderberries, Other Unusual Small Fruits) - **Garden Food Safety** with *David Handley*, *Small Fruit Specialist, UMaine Extension*

Wednesday, 4/3 **Growing Tree Fruits in Southern Maine** with *Renae Moran, Extension Tree Fruit Specialist*

**\*** Saturday,4/6 **York County** **Master Gardener Annual Meeting** – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM *–* **Location***: to be held in the* ***Mather Auditorium at Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm***

Wednesday, 4/10 **Growing Vegetables in Southern Maine** **Part I** with *Mark Hutton*, *Vegetable Specialist,*

 *UMaine Extension*

\* Wednesday, 4/17 **FIELD TRIP – Pruning Fruit Trees and Home Orchard Development** with *Farmer/Orchardists, John and Chris Bozak* – **Location**: Berry Best Farm, 33 Colburn Way,Lebanon

Wednesday, 4/24 **Growing Vegetables in Southern Maine** **Part II** with *Mark Hutton*, *Vegetable Specialist,*

 *UMaine Extension*

Wednesday, 5/1 **Growing Herbs in Maine** – **Principles of Landscape Design** with *Amy Witt, Earth Walkers*

 *Consulting*

Wednesday, 5/8 **Pest Management – Insects and Disease in the Home Garden** with *Clay Kirby*, Extension

 *Entomologist and* *Alicyn Smart, Extension Plant Pathology Specialist*

\*Wednesday, 5/15 **Herbaceous Landscape Plants** – with *Amy Witt, Earth Walkers Consulting –* **Location** – *to be held in the* ***Mather Auditorium at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm***

**\***Saturday, 5/18 **York County Master Gardener Plant Sale** – *with* *Everyone!! –* **Location**: Extension Office

 Outdoor Grounds – 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Wednesday, 5/22 **Short Topic Day**: **Weed Management** **– Raised Beds – Drip Irrigation and Rain Barrels**

 *with Frank Wertheim*

 \*Wednesday, 5/29 **Woody Landscape Plants** – with *Amy Witt, Earth Walkers Consulting–* **Location** – *to be held in the* ***Mather Auditorium at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm***

Wednesday, 6/5 **Wise Use of Pesticides in the Home Garden** – and **YardScaping** with *Megan Patterson*,

 *Board of Pesticides Control, Maine Department of Agriculture*

 \* Wednesday, 6/12 \***Field Trip 3:00 PM** - **Forest Tree and Wildflower ID** – **Location** – Berry Best Farm, 33

 Colburn Way,Lebanon, *with Frank Wertheim and John Bozak, Forestry Professor*

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 Wednesday, 6/19 **Practical Final Exam** – This end of program open book collaborative final & C**lass**

 **Pictures** – wear garden attire **&** **Master Gardener Class Celebration** ☺

Wednesday, 6/26 Snow Date (if needed)

\* denotes that the class location and time may differ from the usual time location in the Downs Conference Room