

2020 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 2020,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 one class 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, 1/29 **Orientation to the Cooperative Extension and the Master Gardener Program**, and **Seed**

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

Wednesday, 2/5 **Soil Basics for Gardeners Part 1 & Home Composting** with *Frank Wertheim*

Wednesday, 2/12 **Soil Basics for Gardeners Part 2 & Vermicomposting** with *Frank Wertheim*

Wednesday, 2/19 **Botany for Gardeners Part 1** with *Frank Wertheim*

Wednesday, 2/26 **Botany for Gardeners Part 2** with *Frank Wertheim*& **Food Security/Hunger in Maine**

 with *Frank Wertheim*

Wednesday, 3/4 **Volunteering in the Master Gardener Program – Project Overviews**& **Volunteer Risk**

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

Wednesday, 3/11 **Growing Small Fruit in Southern Maine** (Highbush Blueberries, Strawberries, Brambles)

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

Wednesday, 3/18 **Growing Small Fruit in Southern Maine** **Part 2** (Grapes, Hardy Kiwi, Elderberries, Other Unusual Small Fruits) - **Garden Food Safety** with *David Handley*, *Small Fruit Specialist, UMaine Extension*

Wednesday, 3/25 **Wise Use of Pesticides in the Home Garden** – and **YardScaping** with *John Petroski*,

 *Board of Pesticides Control, Maine Department of Agriculture*

Wednesday, 4/1 **Growing Tree Fruits in Southern Maine** with *Renae Moran, Extension Tree Fruit Specialist*

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

Wednesday, 4/8 **Growing Herbs in Maine** – **Principles of Landscape Design** with *Amy Witt, Earth Walkers Consulting*

Wednesday, 4/15 **Growing Vegetables in Southern Maine** **Part I** with *Mark Hutton*, *Vegetable*

 *Specialist, UMaine Extension*

\*Wednesday, 4/22 \***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, 4/29 **Pest Management – Insects and Disease in the Home Garden** with *Clay Kirby*,

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

Wednesday, 5/6 **Growing Vegetables in Southern Maine** **Part 2** with *Mark Hutton*, *Vegetable Specialist,*

 *UMaine Extension*

Wednesday, 5/13 **Short Topic Day**: **Weed Management** **– Raised Beds – Season Extension/Winter**

 **Gardening – Drip Irrigation and Rain Barrels** *with Frank Wertheim*

**\***Saturday, 5/16 \***York County Master Gardener Plant Sale** – *with* *Everyone!! –* **Location**: Extension Office Outdoor Grounds – 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM

\*Wednesday, 5/20 \***Gardening with Native Plants** – with *Heather McCargo,* Executive Director Wild Seed

 Project. **Location***:* Mather Auditorium at Wells Reserve at Laudholm Farm

 \*Wednesday, 5/27 \***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, 6/3 **Practical Final Exam** – This end of program open book collaborative final & C**lass**

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

Wednesday, 6/10 Snow Date (if needed)

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