

Albemarle/Charlottesville

Master Gardener Training Course

Syllabus: February 8 – May 2, 2016

February 8

9:00am	Introduction/Housekeeping	Ellie Thomas /Sara Elizabeth	Extension Office
10:00am	Introduction to VCE	Ellie Thomas	Extension Office
11:15am	Social	Ellie Thomas /Sara Elizabeth	Extension Office
1:00pm	Botany	Dorothy Tompkins	Extension Office

*Reading: Chapter 1 - Welcome to VCE Master Gardening
Chapter 2 - Basic Botany*

February 15

9:00am	Soils & Fertilizer	Brad Jarvis	Extension Office
1:00pm	Water Quality	Frank Reilly	Extension Office

*Reading: Chapter 3 - Soils
Chapter 4 - Nutrient Management
Chapter 19 - Water Quality and Conservation*

February 22

9:00am	Entomology	Michael Lachance	McIntire COB, Rm. 241
1:00pm	Vegetable Gardening	Pat Chadwick	McIntire COB, Rm. 241

*Reading: Chapter 5 - Basic Entomology
Chapter 13 - The Vegetable Garden*

February 29

9:00am	Trees and Shrubs	Adam Downing	Extension Office
1:00pm	Pruning	John Thompson	Extension Office/Morven

*Reading: Chapter 16 - Woody Landscape Plants
Chapter 11 - Pruning*

March 7

9:00am **Lawns & Turf** Michael Goatley Extension Office

1:00pm **Fruits and Berries** Michael Lachance Extension Office

*Reading: Chapter 15 - Lawns
Chapter 14 - Fruits in the Home Garden*

March 14

9:00am **Diseases (Plant Pathology)** Guy Mussey Extension Office

1:00pm **Volunteer Fair** Heather Neier Room A

*Reading: Chapter 6 - Plant Pathology
'PMG Projects' Handout*

March 21

9:00am **Risk Management** Sara Elizabeth Extension Office

9:45am **4-H Program** Karrin Temple Extension Office

10:15am **Civil Rights and Contact Collection** Ellie Thomas / Sara Elizabeth Extension Office

11:00am **Volunteer Management System** Sara Elizabeth Extension Office

1:00pm **Weeds** Jim Troy Extension Office

Reading: TBA

March 28

9:00am **Annuals/Perennials/Herbs** Jason Cooper TBA

1:00pm **Propagation** Mary Stickley-Godinez TBA

*Reading: Chapter 17 - Herbaceous Plants
Chapter 10 - Plant Propagation
Optional Reading: Chapter 12 - Indoor Plants*

April 4

9:00am	Diagnosing Plant Damage	Mary Ann Hansen	Extension Office
1:00pm	Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Elizabeth Bush	Extension Office

*Reading: Chapter 7 - Abiotic Stress
Chapter 8 - Diagnosing Plant Damage (FAMILIARIZE/SKIM)
Chapter 9 - Pesticide Use & Safety*

April 11 – Receive Exam

9:00am	Urban Ecology/natives/TJWCD Programs	Michael Ramsey	Extension Office
1:00pm	Group Help Desk Training	Ellie Thomas / Sara Elizabeth	Extension Office

Reading: Chapter 19 - Water Quality and Conservation (review)

April 18 - Exams Due

9:00am	Bringing Out Your Inner Educator	Michelle Prysby	Extension Office
10:00am	Wildlife (Group activity)	Ellie Thomas / Sara Elizabeth	Extension Office
1:00pm	Site Analysis	Dorothy Tompkins	Bundoran Farm

*Reading: Chapter 20 - Habitat Gardening for Wildlife
Wildlife Handouts (FAMILIARIZE/SKIM)
Chapter 15 - Landscape Design*

April 25

9:00am	Review Exams	Ellie Thomas	TBA
12:00pm	Potluck Graduation Lunch		TBA
1:00pm	Graduation Tour	Master Naturalists	TBA

May 2

Please reserve this day for class. There is a very good likelihood that a class will be rescheduled for May 2nd due to bad weather.

9:00am	Makeup session (in case of bad weather)	TBA	TBA
1:00pm	Makeup session (in case of bad weather)	TBA	TBA

Inclement Weather Policy

Please check the schedule for Albemarle County Public Schools. If Albemarle County Public Schools are closed, our class will be canceled for the day. If Albemarle County Public Schools are opening late, we will meet **regular time**. If it is unsafe for you to drive, please make a responsible decision - safety is of primary importance. We will help you make up the material.

Ways to get information:

1. **Call the School Schedule Hotline:** Call (434) 296-5886 to listen to a pre-recorded message about school operations for the day.
2. **Visit the Albemarle County Public Schools website www2.k12albemarle.org :** Look for the red notification banner at the top of any web page. Detailed information about delayed openings, early closings and cancellations is provided on the School Closings web page.
3. **Connect with us through Social Media:**

Twitter <https://twitter.com/k12albemarle>

or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/k12albemarle>

4. **Tune in to local media outlets:** School schedule changes are broadcast on several local radio and television stations, as well as local media websites.