

| 2025 Master Gardener Training Schedule (Subject to Change) |             |            |                |           |                      |  |   | 6-Sep-24 |              |
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| #  | Date        | Time       | Instructor     | Delivery  | Lesson               | Description  | Read / Bring to class                       | Homework |              |
|  |             |            |                |           |                      |  |   | Assigned | Due Date     |
| 1  | Sun, Jan 26 | 9am - 12pm | Jane & VMGA    | In Person | Introduction Session | Welcome, introductions, housekeeping, VMGA introduction, Garden Tour, Questions  | -   | -        | -            |
| 2  | Thu, Jan 30 | 6pm - 9pm  | Laura Biggs    | Zoom      | Botany I             | Introduction, life cycles, plant structure – roots, stems, buds  | Ch. 1                                       | No       | -            |
| 3  | Sun, Feb 2  | 9am - 12pm | Laura Biggs    | In Person | Botany II            | Plant structure – leaves and flowers<br>Plant physiological processes, environmental factors   | Ch. 1 / Bring leaf sample to class          | Yes      | Thurs Feb 6  |
| 4  | Thu, Feb 6  | 6pm - 9pm  | Laura Biggs    | Zoom      | Soils I              | Soil formation, texture, structure, soil/water relations, fertility, pH, and how these factors relate to healthy soils.  | Ch.2 & 6                                    | No       | -            |
| 5  | Sun, Feb 9  | 9am - 12pm | Laura Biggs    | In Person | Soils II             | Soil tests, fertilizers, amendments, mulches – possible options and how to use. Composting tips. Strategies for soil management.   | Ch. 2, 5 & 6 / Bring a soil sample to class | Yes      | Thurs Feb 13 |
| 6  | Thu, Feb 13 | 6pm - 9pm  | Jane Tice      | Zoom      | Plant ID I           | Nomenclature; an introduction. Goals of Plant identification. Plant ID assignments Broadleaf evergreen shrubs; plant choice, planting and maintenance                          | Ch. 22                                      |          |              |
| 7  | Sun, Feb 16 | 9am - 12pm | Jane Tice      | In Person | Plant ID II          | Shrubs and trees; choice, planting and maintenance   |   |          |              |
| 8  | Thu, Feb 20 | 6pm - 9pm  | Jane Tice      | Zoom      | Plant ID III         | Groundcovers and Vines   |   | No       |              |
| 9  | Sun, Feb 23 | 9am - 12pm | Jane Tice      | In Person | Native Plants        | The use of native plants in a garden setting with an emphasis on water wise gardening and strategies for a lower maintenance garden  | -   |          |              |
| 10   | Thu, Feb 27 | 6pm - 9pm  | Linda Gilkeson | Zoom      | Food Production I    | Cultivation and nutrient needs of common garden vegetables, building soil specifics, planting times and Edible Landscaping, including gardening in containers and small spaces | Ch. 7                                       | No       |              |

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| 11 | Sun, Mar 2  | 9am - 12pm | Linda Petite    | In Person | Propagation                     | Propagation from cuttings and seed theory. Practicum in greenhouse.   | Ch. 3  | No                |        |
| 12 | Thu, Mar 6  | 6pm - 9pm  | Linda Gilkeson  | Zoom      | Food Production II              | Continuation of food gardening  | Ch. 10 & 11  | No                |        |
| 13 | Sun, Mar 9  | 9am - 12pm | Linda Gilkeson  | Zoom      | Plant Diseases                  | Biology, identification, prevention and management of diseases and disorders of garden and landscape plants                   | Ch. 15, 16 & 20  | No                |        |
| 14 | Thu, Mar 13 | 6pm - 9pm  | Linda Gilkeson  | Zoom      | Plant Pests                     | Zoom. Life cycles, identification, prevention and management of garden and landscape pests                                    | Ch. 14, 16 & 20  | No                |        |
| 15 | Sun, Mar 16 | 9am - 12pm | Jane Tice       | In Person | Plant ID IV                     | Perennials: plant choice, planting and maintenance  | -  | Mid-term feedback | Mar 23 |
| 16 | Thu, Mar 20 | 6pm - 9pm  | Jane Tice       | Zoom      | Roses                           | History, plant choice, cultivation including pruning techniques, pests and diseases   | -  |                   |        |
| 17 | Sun, Mar 23 | 9am - 12pm | Jane Tice       | In Person | Pruning I                       | Basic pruning methods and their effect on plant growth and development and an introduction to fruit tree pruning              | Ch. 4  |                   |        |
| 18 | Thu, Mar 27 | 6pm - 9pm  | Jane Tice       | Zoom      | Pruning II                      | Specialty pruning considerations; trees, shrubs, hedges, and climbers   | Re-read and notes from Pruning I & Ch.4.                           |                   |        |
| 18 | Sun, Mar 30 | 9am - 12pm | Jane Tice       | In Person | Pruning III Practicum           | Pruning practicum.  | Students must bring their own bypass pruners and dress accordingly |                   |        |
| 19 | Thu, Apr 3  | 6pm - 9pm  | Jane Tice       | Zoom      | Weeds/Invasives/Turf Management | Causes, ID and control (IPM) of common landscape weeds and invasive plants<br>Turf management, when to turf and when to moss? | Ch. 12 & 17  |                   |        |
| 20 | Sun, Apr 6  | 9am-noon   | VMGA            | In Person | Mock Clinic & MG Info           | Master Gardeners will share expertise and information about education and service projects in the community.                  |  |                   |        |
| 21 | Thu, Apr 10 | 6pm - 9pm  | Heidi Hitchcock | In Person | Elements of Design              | Basic design concepts from measuring, through to how to place onto paper and implement into a garden space.                   |  |                   |        |

