

March 2018 Public Education Programs



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Wintertime Pruning - Best Time to Prune!

Sat, March 3, 10 am - 12 pm, OR Sun, March 4, 1-3 pm. Class meets outside, 2416 Ridge Road Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302

Come for hands-on training on the how, when, and why to prune hedges, multi-stem shrubs, small trees, & large branches. Learn about dormant season pruning of your non-woody perennials. Bring your own tools, & **remember to dress for the weather!** Entire class is held outdoors. ***(Class is offered twice)***



Building Soil Health, DIY Sustainable Yard Series

Wed., March 7, 7 – 8:30 pm, Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria 22304 OR Tues., March 13, 7 – 8:30 pm, Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, Arlington 22205

Healthier soil means healthier and happier plants, and in this class you will learn how to create healthy soil, even if you have hard, Virginia clay! You will learn how to create & use compost, & discuss landscape & planting techniques for preventing erosion and compaction. ***(Class is offered twice)***

Microgreens: What Are They, Why They Are So Fabulous, and How to Grow Them

Tues., March. 20, 7 – 8 pm, Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave, Arlington, VA 22206



Microgreens – You've likely seen them, but what makes them so good for you? Join us in this popular class to learn their many benefits, and some simple ways to grow these delicious, nutritious and inexpensive baby plants and sprouts in your own home.

Vegetable Gardening Part 3: Manage & Maintain Your Vegetable Garden

Thur., March. 22, 7 - 8:30 pm, Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Rd., Alexandria 22304 OR Sat., March 24, 10:30 – noon, Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, Arlington 22205

Discover simple, earth-friendly and smart gardening practices, like crop rotation and intercropping, to attract pollinators and other beneficial insects and to control common garden pests. Learn to identify diseases and how to manage them. You'll also pick up tips on space-saving techniques for small gardens. ***(Class is offered twice)***

Turf Talk: Greener Grass

Wed., March 7, 7 – 8:30 pm,
Fairlington Community Center,
3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington, 22206

Speaker: Dr. Mike Goatley, an award-winning Virginia Tech professor. Dr. Goatley will be discussing the results of his research on turfgrass and lawn management from around the State. His focus will be on what everyone from "turf managers" to home gardeners should be doing to maintain optimal lawn growth while minimizing pesticide and fertilizer usage. This program will also include information on lawn grass selection, management and care, and pests and diseases.

Optimal Lawn Care: Steps for a Healthy Lawn

Sat., March 10, 10 am - 12 pm,
Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell
Ave, Arlington, 22206

Have the healthiest lawn in your neighborhood, it's easy! Learn what you can do now to improve and maintain your lawn. We will discuss the best types of grasses for our area, specific springtime turf management practices, nutrient management and soil testing, and basic pest and disease management.

All Classes are free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org.



Please Note: The MGNV Help Desk operates year-round from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays at the VCE office, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington 22206. Contact us at 703-228-6414 or mgarlalex@gmail.com, or drop by. We welcome your garden-related questions, including those related to plant & insect identification. Please check out our website, mgnv.org including our extensive compilation of *Tried & True Native Plants for the Mid-Atlantic area*.