



APRIL 2018 FREE Public Education Programs ♦ Virginia Cooperative Extension

All Classes are FREE. Advance Registration requested at MGNV.ORG.

Plant Selection, DIY Sustainable Yard Series, Part 4

Wednesday, April 4, 7 pm – 8:30 pm, Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria 22304, OR Tuesday, April 10, 7 pm – 8:30 pm, Westover Branch Library, 1644 N. McKinley Rd., Arlington 22205. There's a perfect selection of plants that will thrive best in the conditions of your site. Learn how to select appropriate plants for your site, what is meant by a native plant versus a cultivar, and some best practices for planting and maintenance. (Class offered twice)

Earth Day Festival!

Monday, April 9, 10 am-12 pm, Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St., Arlington 22204. This is a new family-friendly community event featuring an "Ask the Master Gardener" table; topics covered include seed distribution, paper pot making, and transplanting of seedlings.

Arlington Home Show & Garden Expo

Saturday, April 14, 10 am – 4 pm, Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington 22204. This is a family-friendly community event featuring an "Ask the Master Gardener" table; topics covered include composting, soil fertility, and turf alternatives.

Vegetable Gardening Series, Part 5: Square Foot Gardening

Thursday, April 19, 7pm - 8:30 pm, Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Rd., Alexandria 22304, OR Saturday, April 21, 10:30 am – 12 pm, Westover Branch Library, 1644 N. McKinley Rd., Arlington 22205. Using this system, originated by Mel Bartholomew, you can grow more fresh produce in a small space, and save time with less watering, weeding, and tilling. Learn the simple principles of square foot gardening that give you a high yield, easily maintained intensive garden. (Class offered twice)

AprilFest

Saturday, April 21, 9 am – 3 pm, Walker Chapel, 4102 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, 22207. This is a family-friendly community event featuring an "Ask the Master Gardener" table with a focus on container gardening.

****Don't miss the Wednesday Night Garden Talks at the Arlington Central Library, 7pm, 1015 N. Quincy St, Arlington 22201. Free. No registration necessary. Presented with the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). Download the entire schedule at <https://afac.org/plot-against-hunger/pah-events/>.**

MGNV Help Desk Operates year-round from 9am to noon weekdays at the VCE office, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington 22206. Ph. 703-228-6414 or mgaralex@gmail.com, or drop by. We welcome your garden-related questions, including those related to plant & insect identification.

Small Space Gardening: Selecting Trees & Shrubs

Monday, April 23, 7pm – 8:30 pm, Barrett Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria 22314. Even if space is tight in your yard, there are a variety of trees and shrubs native to our area that could work for you. We will discuss how to assess your site and soil conditions, how to select trees and shrubs to reshape your small yard into a more sustainable landscape, and how to install and maintain your new plantings.

Alexandria Earth Day

Saturday, April 28, 10 am-2 pm, Harris Memorial Fields at Braddock Park, 1005 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria 22301. Theme is *Local Action, Global Impact*. The event will include educational exhibits, demonstrations, and hands-on activities for all ages.

Walter Reed Garden group

Monday, April 30, 1 pm-3 pm, Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington 22204. Share your knowledge and experience, learn from each other, and enjoy the company of other seniors who understand the challenges, rewards, and wonder of gardening.

Gardening in Containers, Window Boxes & on Balconies

Monday, April 30, 7-8:30 pm, Barrett Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria 22314. Use your prettiest containers in a window or a balcony or patio to grow flowers, foliage, herbs, & edibles. Learn what works best in these special places & get tips for maintaining them in our tough climate.

Sowing the Seeds of Victory: War Gardens in America

Monday, April 30, 7pm-8:30 pm, Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Rd., Alexandria 22304. Provides an overview of home food production during World War I and describes how contemporary gardeners can grow the same crops in our gardens today.

*****Check out our Plant Clinics!!** The Arlington Central Library Plant Clinic is now open from 6:45pm -8:45 pm, every Wednesday through October 24 & located in the East Lobby of the library, 1015 N. Quincy St. The Arlington Farmers' Market Plant Clinic will open every Saturday morning from 8am-11 am, beginning April 21 through September 29, and is located at N. 14th St. and N. Courthouse Rd. The Del Ray Farmers Market Plant Clinic, located at 203 E. Oxford Ave, Alexandria from 8:30am-11am, will open Saturday, May 5 and runs through September 29. The Alexandria Farmers Market Plant Clinic, located at 301 King St., Alexandria, 7-9:30 am, will open Saturday, May 5 and runs through September 29.