

Secrets to Successful Planting

2018 NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Surry County Workshop Calendar

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January 25 Shiitake & Oyster Mushrooms

A hands-on workshop that will take you from beginning your own shiitake and oyster mushroom spawn to harvesting and eating them. This unique experience will leave mushroom lovers anxiously anticipating their own harvest in the near future. The fee for this workshop is \$30. Participants will leave with shiitake and oyster spawn.

Location: North Surry High School Agriculture Bldg.

Time: 4:00 pm

February 6 Plant Propagation

Learn the basics of propagation as you increase the number of plants you have in your possession now. You will have hands-on demonstrations and take home plants propagated in class. There is a \$10 fee with this workshop.

February 10 Fruit Tree Pruning and More

Pruning is a horticulture practice that alters the form and growth of a plant. Based on aesthetics and science, pruning can also be considered preventative maintenance. Many problems can be prevented by pruning correctly during formative years for many plants. This program will give you some tips and rules to follow when pruning fruit trees and as an added bonus shrubs and rosebushes.

Location: 1085 Doe Run Road, Ararat, Virginia

Time: 10:00 am

February 13 Spring Gardening

Vegetables are never better than when they are home grown! Find out how to prepare your garden soil, what makes good quality vegetable plants, fertilizing, weed control, and other important cultural practices to have a successful garden.

February 20 Surry Soils and Climate

Learn about our good 'ole Surry soil. It can be challenging growing food plants in our soil. It is unlike many of the soil types in other counties and states. Come find out how to turn our red clay soils into a bountiful harvest for vegetables, fruits, and more.

March 6 Backyard Small Fruit Production

Home grown fruit is so much better when you pick them from the plants you are growing in your landscape. Find out all about how to grow strawberries, blackberries and blueberries in your home landscape. Preparing the soil, amendments like fertilizer, how many plants do you need, pruning, and harvesting are all to be discussed with this program.

March 20 Tomato and Summer Vegetables

Vegetables taste so much better when you pick them fresh from your own vines. Find out how to grow summer vegetables including tomatoes in your home garden. Preparing the soil, adding amendments, fertilization, how many plants do you need, pruning, and harvesting are all discussed with this program.

March 27 Tree Grafting

Learn the basics of tree grafting (primarily apple trees). Learn several different grafting techniques as well as how to collect proper scions (cuttings). There will be hands-on grafting during the workshop. There is a \$10 fee for this workshop.

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April 3 Fruit Tree Production

Home grown fruit is so much better when you pick them from the plants you are growing in your landscape. Find out all about how to grow cherry, plum, and peach trees in your home landscape. You may even learn about pear trees as a bonus! Preparing the soil, amendment like fertilizer, how many plants do you need, pruning, and harvesting are all to be discussed with this program.

April 10 Small Space Gardening

The gardening season is just around the corner. If you have limited space to grow vegetables or want to scale down your traditional vegetable garden, this class is for you! You will learn tricks on growing a huge harvest in small places. It does not take much to produce a lot!

April 24 Organic Gardening and Composting

The organic gardener prefers to use natural and organic materials and methods to grow vegetables, flowers and even the lawn. Learn how to use the least amount of synthetic chemicals and practices that may be detrimental to your health or environment. Composting is an effective tool for your toolbox. Join us for this program to look at organic methods and composting for vegetable gardens.

May 1 Growing Herbs

Learn all the necessary steps to grow herbs in the ground as well as in containers in your landscape. We will cover growing as well as harvesting.

June 5 Pollinators, Pests and Disease Control

Managing and Controlling pest insects and diseases in the garden can be challenging. Join us to discuss the most effective methods to control even the most trying insects and diseases you may encounter. Traditional and organic methods will be discussed.

August 7 Fall Vegetable Gardens

Just when most gardens are on the decline, now is the time to begin a new garden for the fall months. Come learn how easy it is to have vegetables almost year round in your backyard. Site and crop selection will be discussed along with insect and disease management.

August 14 Edible Landscapes

There's little room for gardening. Why not use your yard to grow what you eat? Learn how to select beautiful edible plants for your landscape. Prepare to reap their bountiful harvest right outside your door.

August 21 Beginning Permaculture

It is all about caring for the earth, caring for the people and the return of surplus. Learn how to garden permaculture style with swales, hügelkultur, keyhole beds, stacked functions, mushrooms, food forests, cob pizza ovens, and more.

August 28 Garden Clean-Up and Cover Crops

Long gone is the summer garden. Now what? Learn how to tidy up the left-overs and about the many benefits and joys of growing cover crops in your home garden. Join us as we learn how to select the right cover crops for your space and needs, when and how to sow your seeds, and what to do with your cover crop in the spring.

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