

# Horticulture Hints



Surry County Center

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## New Address Notification

N.C. Cooperative Extension, Surry County Center, has a new location! Visit us at the Surry County Government Service Center, 915 East Atkins Street, Suite 300, Dobson!

### NC STATE

## Extension Master Gardener

### CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

There is still time to apply for the NC State Extension Master Gardener Certification Program! This program is an extensive gardening course that teaches topics such as botany, lawns, soils, insects, diseases, ornamentals, small fruits, weed identification and management, organic culture, composting, wildlife, propagation, pesticides, and landscape design. Program attendees have often said that the training is equivalent to a college course in horticulture. We have an award-winning manual to accompany this training; it can be purchased as a hard copy or an electronic pdf. The training cost is dependent on your manual choice, ranging from \$80 (without the manual) to \$125 (with the manual). If you would like to preview everything the class will cover, you can preview the agenda at <https://surry.ces.ncsu.edu/>.

Once the training is completed, you are encouraged to stay with the local program and offer volunteer hours to our community and local residents of the great Surry County. The program is designed to each you, and then you compliment the Extension horticulture office by sharing your newly

acquired knowledge at community events, field days, and/or educational exhibits; teaching or demonstrating gardening to senior citizens, youth, or special needs groups. Gardening is a very practical, therapeutic, and relaxing activity that can benefit everyone. If you have an interest or passion for gardening and a desire to help your fellow neighbor, then this may be just the program for you.



We are offering the training in the upcoming year, weekly on Tuesday afternoons, from 1:00 pm until 4:30 pm, at N.C. Cooperative Extension, Surry County Center. The classes will begin February 5 and finish April 30. We have an outstanding lineup of speakers, each excelling in the topic they will be presenting. An orientation meeting has been scheduled for January 22 at 10:00 am for those interested. It will also be a time to meet with our current NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers and NC State Extension Master Gardener<sup>SM</sup> program coordinator, Ms. Charlotte Glen. Program applications can be completed and submitted at this time as well.

Pre-registration for the orientation is required by January 21. If you are interested in this program or training, please contact Joanna Radford, Extension Horticulture Agent, at 336-401-8025 or by email at [joanna\\_radford@ncsu.edu](mailto:joanna_radford@ncsu.edu).

## Soil Sample Fees

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture Soils Lab charges \$4 per soil sample from January through March. Beginning April 1, soil samples will be free again. Soil sample boxes and forms may be picked up at the Extension office.

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# Upcoming Bee Schools



## Who:

Adults and Youth - There will be an adult Bee School and a Youth Junior Bee School

## When:

Mondays, February 11 - March 18  
7:00 - 9:00 pm

## Where:

Surry County Government Service Center  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Surry County  
915 E. Atkins Street, Dobson, NC 27017

## Cost:

Junior Bee School (for youth) - FREE  
Bee School (for adults) - \$20 PLUS cost of handbook



## What to expect?



- ◇ Introduction to Beekeeping
- ◇ The colony, organization, and life cycle of the honeybee
- ◇ Equipment needed to get started
- ◇ How to assemble equipment
- ◇ Seasonal hive management of the colonies
- ◇ Pests and diseases of the bees
- ◇ Harvesting and processing honey and other hive products
- ◇ A field day to work with the bees



Call 336-401-8025 for more information and to register!

## Foothills Specialty Crop Growers' Round Table

Farmers large and small, traditional, specialty and niche are invited to attend the sixth annual Foothills Specialty Crop Growers Round Table on Tuesday, January 29 from 12:30 - 4:30 pm. There will be numerous topics related to fruits, herbs, and vegetables that may be helpful as you continue or expand your farming operation. Or you may be looking for fresh new ideas that may be discussed at this event. There will be specialists available on the following subjects:

- Food Modernization Act
- Industrial Hemp
- Organic Crop Production and Soil Health
- Potato Production and Specialty Potatoes
- Home Kitchen Usage for Direct Markets
- Leafy Greens, Cole Crops
- Pest Management

Join us on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 from 12:30 - 4:30 pm at the Surry County Government Service Center, 915 East Atkins Street, Dobson. For more information, please call the N.C. Cooperative Extension, Surry County Center at 336-401-8025.

## SAVE THIS DATE!



**APRIL 13, 2019**

N.C. Cooperative Extension,  
Surry County Center  
915 East Atkins Street, Dobson, NC  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- DYNAMIC SPEAKERS
- GARDENING DEMOS
- DOOR PRIZES
- SPECIALIZED VENDORS
- CATERED LUNCH

*Mark your calendar now!  
Registration begins January 15!*



Extension Master Gardener

## Vinedressers

The first 2019 Vinedresser program will begin on Thursday, January 17 at 6:00 pm at the new Extension office at 915 East Atkins Street, Dobson. There are two phenomenal speakers slated to speak: Dr. John Havlin, Soil Scientist, North Carolina State University, speaking on "Soil Fertility and Management in the Vineyard", and Head Winemaker at Jones von Drehle Vineyards & Winery, Dan Tallman speaking on "Sulfite Addition Strategies in Red/White and Rose Wines".

Anyone who is a vineyard owner, operator, wine maker, or wine connoisseur welcome to attend. Please call the N.C. Cooperative Extension, Surry County Center at 336-401-8025 to register!



# Calendar of Events

## Surry County Beekeepers Association Monthly Meeting

January 14, 2019 / 7:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Ready, Set, Grow - Using an Indoor Grow Box

January 15, 2019 / 6:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Vinedressers Meeting

January 17, 2019 / 6:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Master Gardener Program Orientation

January 22, 2019 / 10:00 am  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification

January 24, 2019 / 10:00 am  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) Training

January 25, 2019 / 9:00 am  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Foothills Specialty Crop Growers Round Table

January 29, 2019 / 1:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Create Your Own Mini Orchard in Your Backyard

January 29, 2019 / 6:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Training for Produce Growers

February 1, 2019 / 8:30 am  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Master Gardeners Certification Training

February 5, 2019 / 1:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Pruning Fruit Trees and More

February 9, 2019 / 10:00 am  
\*Weather Permitting\*  
1085 Doe Run Road, Ararat, Virginia

## Surry County Bee School and Junior Bee School

February 11, 2019 / 7:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Master Gardener Certification Training

February 12, 2019 / 1:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Start a French-Style Potager - An Ornamental Kitchen Garden

February 12, 2019 / 6:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Master Gardener Monthly Meeting

February 13, 2019 / 12:00 Noon  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Surry County Bee School and Junior Bee School

February 18, 2019 / 7:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Master Gardener Certification Training

February 19, 2019 / 1:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification

February 21, 2019 / 1:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Surry County Bee School and Junior Bee School

February 25, 2019 / 7:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Master Gardener Certification Training

February 26, 2019 / 1:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Native and Invasive Plants

February 26, 2019 / 6:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Surry County Bee School and Junior Bee School

March 4, 2019 / 7:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Master Gardener Certification Training

March 5, 2019 / 1:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Landscape Maintenance Workshop

March 7, 2019 / 1:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Surry County Bee School and Junior Bee School

March 11, 2019 / 7:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Master Gardener Certification Training

March 12, 2019 / 1:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Commercial Pesticide Applicator School

March 13, 2019 / 8:30 am  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Forsyth County

## Commercial Pesticide Applicator Exam

March 14, 2019 / 1:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Forsyth County

## Surry County Bee School and Junior Bee School

March 18, 2019 / 7:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Master Gardener Certification Training

March 19, 2019 / 1:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Grafting Workshop

March 19, 2019 / 6:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Training for Produce Growers

March 21, 2019 / 8:30 am  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Master Gardener Certification Training

March 26, 2019 / 1:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Vinedressers Meeting

March 28, 2019 / 3:00 pm  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

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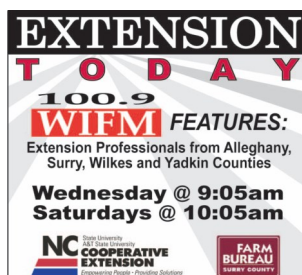
**Accommodation Statement:** If you are a person with a disability or desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact the Extension office during business hours of 8:15 AM—5:00 PM at least two weeks before the event to request accommodations.

**Special Note:** Registration for events listed in this calendar are required unless otherwise noted. Register by calling (336) 401-8025.





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