


2017 Denton County Master Gardener Class Schedule

Dates	Topics	Instructors
January 31 Class Admin: Raeline/Kaye/Holly	Master Gardener Intern Orientation Lunch provided by DCMGA Mentors Reading Assignment: Pages 1-6 "The Texas Master Gardener Program"	Janet Laminack, Denton County Horticulture Extension Agent, DCMGA Master Gardeners & Testing/Evaluation Team
February 7 Admin: Raeline/Kaye/Holly	Texas Master Gardener Association and Plant Growth & Development Reading Assignment for February 7: Pages 1-1 thru 1-44 "Plant Growth & Development" All About VMS and DCMGA Website Brown Bag: 2017 DCMGA Major Events	Jayla Fry, State Coordinator, Texas Master Gardener Association Sue Hudiburgh & Susan Cosio, DCMGA Technology
February 8 9:30AM to 1:30PM	DCMGA General Meeting & Volunteer Opportunity Fair – Global Spheres	Required attendance for 1.5 hours of volunteer service
February 14 Admin: Kaye	The Soil Environment Reading Assignment for February 14: pages 2-1 thru 2-30 "Soil, Water & Plant Nutrients" Brown Bag: We  Our Tools! Sharon Coleman & Coral Gates	Dr. Sam Feagley, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
February 21 Admin: Raeline	Turf Grass Culture Reading Assignment for February 21: Review Pages 4-40 thru 4-53 "Weeds & Weed Management," Read Pages 8-1 thru 8-29 "Lawn Care" Brown Bag: Pruning 101 – Pat Moyer	Dr. Hennen Cummings, Tarleton State University
February 28 Admin: Raeline	Entomology & Integrated Pest Management Reading Assignment for February 28: Pages 4-7 thru 4-23 "Entomology" and Pages 4-40 thru 4-53 Lunch & Learn: Bugs in My Yard!	Dr. Mike Merchant, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
March 7 Admin: Raeline	Plant Propagation 3:30: Checking In – How's It Going? Reading Assignment for March 7: Pages 1-1 thru 1-44 "Plant Growth & Development"	DCMGA Propagation Team
March 14 Admin: Kaye	Plant Pathology Reading Assignment for March 14: Pages 4-1 thru 4-7 "Plant Health Problems" and Pages 4-24 thru 4-39 "Infectious Plant Diseases" Lunch & Learn: What Disease is This???	Dr. Kevin Ong, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
March 21 Admin: Raeline	Texas Trees and How to Care for Them Reading Assignment for March 21: Pages 7-16 thru 7-20 "Trees & Shrubs" Lunch & Learn: Identifying Trees thru Leaves	Tyler Wright, MS & Matt Grubisich, Texas Trees Foundation
March 28 Admin: Kaye	Rainwater Harvesting & Irrigation Reading Assignment for March 28: Pages 3-1 thru 3-12, "Earth-Kind Landscaping"	Patrick Dickinson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

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April 4 Admin: Kaye	Fruits, Nuts & Vegetables Growing & Harvesting North Texas Herbs Reading for April 4: Pages 5-1 thru 5-48 "Home Fruit & Nut Production" and Pages 6-1 thru 6-82 "Vegetables & Herbs"	Ashley Hartman, North Central Texas College Janet Laminack, Denton County Extension Agent
April 11 Admin: Raeline	Earth-Kind Garden Preparation & Maintenance, and Plant Taxonomy/ Identification of Texas Natives at Global Spheres Reading for April 11: Chapter 3, "Earth-Kind Landscaping" & Chapter 7, Pages 7-21 thru 7-63 "Landscape Maintenance"	Tim Hartmann, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
April 18 Admin: Raeline, Kaye, Holly	Field Trip: 10:00 AM – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension & Research Center: WaterWise Tour, Turf Trials and Shade Gardening No Reading Assignment for April 18!	Dr. Dottie Woodson & Patrick Dickinson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
April 25 Admin: Kaye	Migration of Pests & Diseases – What Role Do We Play? 2:45 – Basic Composting Skills Brown Bag: Red Wigglers: The Art of Vermiculture - Trina Zais Reading for April 25 – Review Chapter 4!	Dr. Dottie Woodson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Daniel Arenas, DCMGA Master Gardener
May 2 Admin: Raeline, Kaye, Holly	Creating Vision, Evolving Reality Lunch Provided by DCMGA Mentors Mini Field Trip Reports & Celebration!	Pastor Pam Pierce, DCMGA Master Gardener Janet Laminack, Mentors, & Guests
May 9	Class Make-Up Day If Needed	We Hope Not!

Classes are held at Global Spheres Center in Corinth unless otherwise notified. Global Spheres is located on the east access side of IH35E approximately 1/4 mile north of Swisher Road. The classroom is at the rear of the campus.

Class Attendance is a critical key to your success as a Master Gardener. The minimum classroom hours you must achieve is 70 hours, but you are expected to attend all classes. **If you will be absent or late to any class, you must contact the Class Admin listed for that day before 9:00 AM.** A make-up class may be required. If more than one class is missed, continuation in the program is at the discretion of the Horticulture Extension Agent. **In case of bad weather**, please listen to local radio and television for information. If Denton County offices are closed or delayed in opening, DCMGA classes will also be canceled or delayed. Email notification will be provided ASAP. **The Class Field Trip is required attendance as is participation in the Mini Field Trips. Mini Field Trips provide 2 hours volunteer service time plus travel and 1 training hour.**

The DCMGA Volunteer Opportunity Fair is also required attendance and held during DCMGA's General Meeting on **February 8, 2017** at Global Spheres Center. The Fair offers all volunteer opportunities for Interns and veterans. Lunch is provided and Interns receive 1.5 service hours for attendance.

Weekly Classes begin promptly at 9:00AM. Lunch is from noon until 12:55PM. It is strongly suggested Interns bring their lunches and plan on eating on site. Be ready to begin class promptly at 1:00 PM and expect class to end at 4.00 PM. Tardiness is disruptive to everyone. Please be on time. **Weekly quizzes and surveys are required** curriculum components and are geared to further learning.

Brown Bag and Lunch & Learn Series offer presentations on practical gardening information, events and additional hands on learning experiences. These educational series are voluntary and held during the lunch hour.

May 9 is scheduled as a Make-Up Day – Mark Your Calendar as it will be a required class if needed.