

Master Gardener 2026 Schedule of classes

(updated 11-4-2025)

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher (s)</u>	<u>Site</u>
1	2/3/ 2026 1-4:30	● Intro to Master Gardener Program ● County Projects overview ● Chapter 3: Botany	Bart Renner	Transylvania County, Extension Conference Room
2	2/10/ 2026 12:00- 4:30	Soup Luncheon	Everyone	Transylvania County, Rogow Room
		● Chapter 1: Soils and Plant Nutrients ● Chapter 2: Composting	Bart Renner	Transylvania County, Social Services Conference Room
		Hands on activity: Composting, vermiculture, and soil testing	Bart Renner	Silvermont Garden
3	2/17/ 2026 1:00- 4:30	Chapter 14: Small Fruits	Bart Renner	Transylvania County, Social Services Conference Room

		Hands on activity: Pruning blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries	Bart Renner	Queen's berry farm, Pisgah Forest 858 Davidson River Rd, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768
4	2/24/ 2026 1:00 -4:30	Chapter 10: Herbaceous Ornamentals Chapter 11: Woody Ornamentals	Dr. Anthony Lebude	Transylvania County, Social Services Conference Room
		Hands on activity: Pruning flowering Trees and shrubs	Dr. Anthony Lebude	Transylvania County, Social Services Conference Room
5	3/3/ 2026 1:00- 4:30	Chapter 15: Fruit Trees and nuts	Dr. Tom Kon	455 Research Ave, Mills River, NC
		Hands on activity: Pruning fruit trees	Dr. Tom Kon	455 Research Ave, Mills River, NC
6	3/10/ 2026 1:00- 4:30	Chapter 6: Weeds Chapter 9: Lawns	Bart Renner	Transylvania County social services conference room
		Hands on Activity: Brevard College turf maintenance.	Matt Parsons	Brevard College baseball fields

7	3/17/ 2026 1:00- 4:30 (Bart absent)	Chapter 19- Landscape design Chapter 20- Wildlife	Cindy...	Transylvania County, Social Services Conference Room
		Hands on Activity: Local garden tour	Cindy...	Location TBD
8	3/24/ 2026 1:00 -4:30	Chapter 13: Plant propagation	Bart Renner	Gaia Herbs Conference Room: 116 Old Country Home Rd., Brevard, NC
		Hands on activity- plant propagation workshop	Bart Renner	
9	3/31/ 2026 1:00 -4:30	• Chapter 16: Vegetable Gardening • Chapter 17: Organic Gardening • Chapter 18: Plants grown in Containers.	Bart Renner	Transylvania County, Social Services Conference Room
		Hands on activity: Tool maintenance, planting transplants and setting up irrigation.	Bart Renner	Kids and Chefs Community garden (right outside conference room)
10	4/7/ 2026 1:00 -4:30	• Chapter 4: Plant insect • Chapter 5 Diseases and Disorders	Dr. Inga Meadows Steve Schoof	MHCREC, Mills River

		Tour of plant insect and disease research at MHCREC	MHCREC staff	MHCREC, Mills River
11	4/14/ 2026 1:00 - 4:30	- Chapter 7: Diagnostics - Chapter 8: Integrated Pest Management	Bart Renner	Transylvania County, Extension Conference Room
		Hands on activity- Using tools to diagnose plant disease	Dr. Anthony Lebude	Kids and Chefs Community garden (right outside conference room)
12	4/21/ 2026 1:00 -4:30	Exam Review, Program Review and evaluation	Bart Renner	Transylvania County, Extension Conference Room
		Master Gardener Jeopardy!	Bart Renner	Transylvania County, Extension Conference Room
13	4/28/ 2026	Snow date (Please keep reserved)		
5/2/2026 5:30 to 8:00PM		Master Gardener Trainee Graduation party		