

# UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION MONTGOMERY COUNTY

## 2026 MASTER GARDENER CLASS SCHEDULE

June 9 – July 30, 2026

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### Tuesday, June 9, 2026 (Day 1) **Multiple Purpose Room**

- **9:00am - 9:30am: Welcome! What Did I Get Myself Into?** Steve Dubik, Horticulture Consultant, Master Gardener Coordinator, Montgomery County.
- **9:30am - 10:30am: Student Introductions**
- **Break**
- **10:45am - Noon: Plant Hardiness, Plant Nomenclature, and other Horticultural and Botanical Terms Likely to be met in a Lifetime of Gardening.** Steve Dubik. (*Chapter 4*)
- **12:00 to 12:30pm: Lunch**
- **12:30 to 2:50pm: Plant Hardiness, Plant Nomenclature, and other Horticultural and Botanical Terms Likely to be met in a Lifetime of Gardening.** Steve Dubik. (*Chapter 4*)

### Thursday, June 11, 2026 (Day 2) **Online**

- **9:00am - 9:10am: Announcements**
- **9:10am - 11:15am: Ecology.** Amanda Rockler, Watershed Restoration Specialist University of Maryland Extension. (*Chapter 3*)
- **11:25am - Noon:**
  - **Linda Barret**, President Master Gardener Montgomery County.
  - **Garden Educators.** Pam Hosimer and Carol Kosary, Montgomery County Master Gardeners.
  - **Overview of MCMG Website.** Larry Zucker, Montgomery County Master Gardener.
- **12:00 to 12:30pm: Lunch**
- **12:30 to 2:50pm: Basics of Soil Science.** Nicole Fiorellino, Assistant Professor, AGNR-Plant Science & Landscape Architecture, University of Maryland. (*Chapter 6*)

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### Sunday, June 14, 2026 (Day 3) **Multiple Purpose Room**

- **9:10 am – 11:00am: Warm Season Vegetables.** Madeline Ramey, Farm Manager, ECO City Farms. (*Chapter 18*)
- **11:10 am – Noon: Flowers and Pollination,** Steve Dubik, Horticulture Consultant, Master Gardener Coordinator, Montgomery County. (*Chapter 4*)
- **12:00 to 12:30pm: Lunch / **Picture Day****
- **12:30 to 1:30: Composting.** Susan Eisendrath, Montgomery County Master Gardener. (*Chapter 7*)
- **1:40 to 2:50pm: Tour of Gardens at the Extension Office**

### Tuesday, June 16, 2026 (Day 4) **Multiple Purpose Room**

- **9:00am - 9:10am: Announcements**
- **9:10am - 12:00pm Insect Investigators: Exploring Form, Function, and Ecology.** Madeline E. Potter, Specialist for Entomology and Integrated Pest Management, University of Maryland. (*Chapter 8 &10*)
- **12:00 to 12:30pm: Lunch**
- **12:30 to 2:50pm:**
  - **Pesticide Use in the Home Garden.** (*Chapter 10 & 11*); Close Encounters with Agriculture (CEWA) Program. Chuck Schuster, Senior Agent Emeritus, University of Maryland Extension)
  - **Tree Fruit.** Chuck Schuster, Senior Agent Emeritus, University of Maryland Extension. (*Chapter 20*)

### Thursday, June 18, 2026 (Day 5) **Multiple Purpose Room**

- **9:00am - 9:10am: Announcements**
- **9:10am - 10:10am: Gardening for Wildlife.** Marie Rojas, Montgomery County Master Gardener. (*Chapter 27*)
- **10:10 to Noon: Impact of Invasives on our Ecosystem.** Dr. Mike Raupp, Professor Emeritus, University of Maryland. (*Chapter 21 & 22*)
- **12:00 to 12:30pm: Lunch**
- **12:30 to 2:50pm: Cool Season Vegetables & Seed Saving.** Kathy Jentz, Owner/Editor, Washington Gardener Magazine. (*Chapter 18*)

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**Tuesday, June 23, 2026 (Day 6) Downstairs in the “Garage”**

- **9:00am - 9:10am: Announcements**
- **9:10am – 12:00pm: Introduction to Plant Pathology.** Dave Clement, Principal Agent, University of Maryland Extension. (*Chapter 9*)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm: Lunch Break / alt. Picture Day**  
**12:30pm - 2:50pm: Managing Turf in Montgomery County.** Eric Wenger, Montgomery County Master Gardener, Owner of Complete Plant Health Care. (*Chapter 14*)  
**IMPORTANT** - Last day to hand in all Volunteer paperwork

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### Thursday, June 25, 2026 (Day 7) **Multiple Purpose Room**

- **9:00am - 9:05am: Announcements**
- **9:05 to 10:00 am: Volunteer Management System (VMS).** Katie Mcle, Montgomery County Master Gardener
- **10:10am - 12:00pm: Soils and Plant Nutrition.** Andrew Ristvey, Senior Agent, University of Maryland Extension. (*Chapter 6*)
- **12:00pm - 12:30pm: Lunch Break**
- **12:30pm - 1:30pm: Pruning,** Danielle Brabazon, Montgomery County Master Gardener. (*Chapter 17*) (Downstairs in the **“Garage”**).
- **1:40pm - 1:50pm MG Board and Class Representative(s)** (Downstairs in the **“Garage”**).
- **1:55pm - 2:50pm: “Volunteer Opportunities Fair”:** A chance to learn about the opportunities available to fulfill your 40 hours of volunteer service. (Move back to **Multiple Purpose Room**).

### Tuesday, June 30, 2026 (Day 8) **Multiple Purpose Room**

- **9:00am - 9:10am: Announcements**
- **9:10m - 10:20am: Stormwater Gardens.** - Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. (*Chapters 28*)
- **10:30am - 12:00:pm: Plant Diagnostics.** *Steve Dubik, Horticulture Consultant, Master Gardener Coordinator, Montgomery County. (Chapter 12)*
- **12:00 to 12:30pm: Lunch**
- **12:30: 1:15pm: Review**
- **1:15 to 2:50pm: Exam** (*Open book*)

### Zoom link for the 2026 Montgomery County Master Gardener Training Program

<https://umd.zoom.us/j/99196749788>

Meeting ID: 991 9674 9788

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