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# Workshops for the Home Gardener

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## Welcome Spring!

Spring is a time for new beginnings and for renewal, especially with gardens and gardening. Here's your chance to rise to the occasion with a variety of home gardening workshops offered by Master Gardener volunteers.

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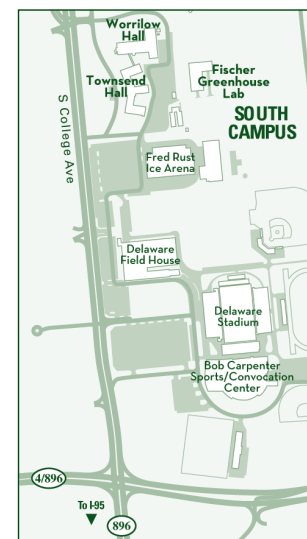
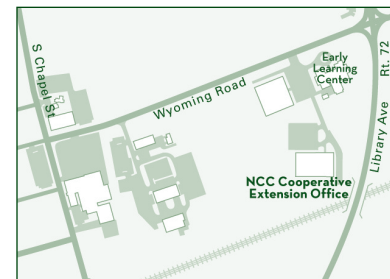
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For complete directions to class locations, visit our website.

# 2012 Spring Workshops

University of Delaware/Newark Campus\*

## PUZZLED BY PRUNING? \$15

Co-sponsored with the University of Delaware Botanic Gardens

Solve your puzzle. This course will demystify when to prune, what equipment to use and which techniques are most effective. We will display pruning tools and demonstrate proper pruning techniques using material supplied by the UDBG.

John Ritterson  
**Tuesday, March 6** 7–9 p.m.  
 Fischer Greenhouse

## GROWING VEGETABLES AT HOME – BEGINNER AND INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOPS \$15 EACH

Would you like to grow your own vegetables and experience the fresh taste of your own harvest? Our beginner workshop is for those who are planning their first garden. We will discuss site selection, soil amendments, vegetable varieties, and other topics that will help you get started. The intermediate workshop is for the gardener that wants to take production to the next level. We will provide a general overview of growing vegetables, and discuss ways to extend the growing season, succession planting, how to control weeds, diseases, insects, and more.

Clyde Roberts  
**Wednesday, March 7** 7–9 p.m.  
**OR**  
**Wednesday, March 28** 7–9 p.m.  
 Extension Office

\*Classes are held at three locations. Please note the location of your workshop when you register. (Cooperative Extension/Fischer Greenhouse/Worrilow Hall)

## A VIRTUAL TOUR OF MG GARDENS \$15

Join Master Gardeners (MGs) in a virtual tour of their gardens. In this light-hearted workshop, MGs will take you on a pictorial tour of their very different garden spaces. They will reveal their favorite plants, “don’t ever plant” plants, and gardening successes and failures. Along the way, these MGs will share valuable gardening tips and discuss everything from backyard composting to garden design. Together, they have nearly 100 years of experience gardening in Delaware.

Susan Amadio, Suzanne Baron, Judy Hyden, and Lois Tanzilli  
**Thursday, March 8** 6–8 p.m.  
 Extension Office

## STARTING VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS FROM SEED \$15

This class is designed for the novice gardener. Learn techniques, and discover tips, to start and grow plants from seed. There’s nothing better than growin’ your own fresh vegetables and flowers. Be prepared to get your hands dirty!

Hetty Cumba and Pat Jackson  
**Monday, March 12** 7–9 p.m.  
 Fischer Greenhouse

## TOMATOES! \$15

Learn how to grow everyone’s vegetable garden favorite! Participants will learn techniques to improve the quality and yield of their tomato plants. We will discuss site selection, tomato varieties, seed sources, starting, transplanting, fertilizing, staking and more. Come prepared with your questions. This

workshop is for both beginners and experienced gardeners who want to learn more.

Clyde Roberts  
**Thursday, April 5** 7–9 p.m.  
 Extension Office

## BACKYARD COMPOSTING \$15

Create an earth friendly garden through composting. Learn easy methods to recycle kitchen and garden waste to improve your soil and grow healthier plants.

Gail Hermenau  
**Saturday, April 7** 1–3 p.m.  
 Extension Office

## VEGETABLE GARDENING IN CONTAINERS \$15

Can you grow a successful, vibrant, and productive vegetable garden in pots? Yes, you can! Let a Master Gardener teach you how to set-up and maintain your new, and contained, garden. Vegetable selection, pairing, set-up, care and maintenance will be discussed.

Marta Kessinger  
**Thursday, April 12** 6–8 p.m.  
 Extension Office

## COLORFUL CONTAINERS \$20

A hands-on, messy workshop and you can keep the plants! Bring gardening gloves and a 12-inch (diameter) container to learn the basics for container planting with annual ornamental plants.

JW Wistermayer  
**Monday, April 30** 7–9 p.m.  
 Extension Office

## BENEFICIAL INSECTS, INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) & THEIR ROLE IN YOUR GARDEN \$15

Beneficial insects play an important role in Integrated Pest Management. Proper identification of the bugs in your backyard is key to successful management of your gardens with minimal harm to the environment. Learn to use chemical control as a last resort, not the first defense, and learn who your friends are.

Frank Ebright  
**Wednesday, May 2** 6–8 p.m.  
 Extension Office

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### OPEN HOUSES IN THE NATIVE TEACHING GARDEN FREE

**Spring date: Wednesday, May 16** 6–8 p.m.

**Summer date: Wednesday, June 20** 6–8 p.m.

Extension Office, Native Teaching Garden

### Garden Days

Master Gardeners will be working in the Native Teaching Garden on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from April through September. Master Gardeners will be available on these days between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon to answer any questions.

### Upcoming Summer Events

Stay tuned for workshops, tours, and other special events to focus on Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Growing Vegetables, Native (and invasive) Plants, and more.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Evening phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Check the workshops you wish to attend\*:

- Puzzled by Pruning? (3/6) .....\$15
- Growing Vegetables At Home – Beginner Workshop (3/7) .....\$15
- A Virtual Tour of MG Gardens (3/8).....\$15
- Starting Vegetables and Flowers from Seed (3/12).....\$15
- Growing Vegetables At Home – Intermediate Workshop (3/28)..\$15
- Tomatoes! (4/5) .....\$15
- Backyard Composting (4/7).....\$15
- Vegetable Gardening in Containers (4/12).....\$15
- Colorful Containers (4/30) .....\$20
- Beneficial Insects, IPM & Their Role in Your Garden (5/2) .....\$15
- Open House in the Native Teaching Garden (Spring, 5/16)..... Free
- Open House in the Native Teaching Garden (Summer, 6/20) ..... Free

Please remit a separate check made payable to “NCCMG” for each workshop to:

**NCC MG Workshops**  
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- Please add my name and address to the Home Lawn and Garden mailing list. (Your personal information will not be shared with any entities outside the Cooperative Extension.)

How did you hear about the Master Gardener workshops?

- Master Gardener mailing
- Library (which one?) \_\_\_\_\_
- Retail establishment (which one?) \_\_\_\_\_
- Newspaper (which one?) \_\_\_\_\_
- Radio (which one?) \_\_\_\_\_
- Web site \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

\* No refunds will be issued unless the workshop has been cancelled. You will be notified only in the event of cancellation. Please arrive on time. Doors will open ½ hour before the program begins, and remain unlocked until ½ hour after the program begins.