

Master Gardener | Union County

2023 Union County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Training Schedule

Information Sessions

The Information Sessions are Free and Registration will be open in late December 2022, via Eventbrite.

- Jan 10, 6:00 pm** **Information Session** - Extension Classroom, 3230 Presson Rd, Monroe
Jan 12, 10:00 am **Information Session** - Union West Library, 123 Unionville Indian Trail Rd,
 Indian Trail
Jan 17, 6:00 pm **Information Session – Live online, via Zoom**

Spring Extension Gardener Classes - All of the Extension Gardener Classes are open to anyone & will be held at the Union County Extension Office, 3230 Presson Rd, Monroe, NC 28112. *If you intend to apply to become an UCEMGV and proceed to the Core Training in the Fall, you must attend at least 6 of the 7 classes from this list.* Cost is \$60 for all seven classes or \$10 for a single class. Registration and payment will be via Eventbrite and the plan is to have it available beginning January 20. If you have sent an email to Debbie saying you are interested, you will receive an email reminder with a link to registration once it is available.

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| Feb 7 | 6:00 pm | Pruning |
| Feb 14 | 6:00 pm | Growing Vegetables & Herbs |
| Feb 21 | 6:00 pm | Growing Fruit in the Home Garden |
| Feb 28 | 6:00 pm | Growing Annuals & Perennials |
| Mar 7 | 6:00 pm | Growing Trees & Shrubs |
| Mar 14 | 6:00 pm | Lawns & Lawn Alternatives |
| Mar 21 | 6:00 pm | Common Insects, Diseases, Weeds & Management |

April 12 **EMGV Program Application Due** (*payment of \$175 for the class is due with your application***) *Payment must be made in person at the Union County Extension Office, 3230 Presson Rd, Monroe, NC 28112*

April 12 **EMGV Program Orientation, 10:00 am – 3 :00 pm**
If you have applied to become a UCEMGV, you must register and attend this orientation.

See Fall Core training schedule on next page.

FALL CORE training classes will be held August – November on Wednesdays, 10 am – 3 pm.

You are required to attend these classes to become a UCEMGV. Homework preparation will be required for each class. We will break for lunch from 12-1, so please bring your lunch. Some topics may change slightly or class topics may be switched around, but the classes will always be on Wednesdays. Classes will be held at the Extension Classroom, EMG Greenhouse, and there will be two Fieldtrips.

Aug	9	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Finding Research/Science based Information, Extension Resources, UCEMGV Association
	16	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Soils & Fertilizers
	23	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Composting & Soil Amendments
	30	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Meet UC Extension Staff & GH/TG Orientation
Sept	6*	7:00 am – 7:00 pm	Field Trip – Raleigh, NCDACS Soil Lab & Composting Lab
	13	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Botany
	20	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Propagation
	27	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Entomology
Oct	4*	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Field Trip – Davidson, Davidson College Arboretum Tree Walk
	11	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Weeds
	18	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Plant Pathology
	25	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	IPM & Pesticide Safety
Nov	1	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Review & Final Exam
	8		Presentations & Graduation Luncheon for new EMGV Interns

* Notice that start/finish times are different on these dates due to travel for Field Trips.

** Cost for the Fall Core Training does not include the NC Extension Gardener Handbook. You can order a hardcopy or you can access the content totally free online. If you plan to progress to the Fall Core Training to become an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, I can do a bulk order for the group and save some on shipping costs. This will be discussed at the April 12, Orientation meeting.

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