

Master Gardener | Union County

2025 Union County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Training Schedule

Information Sessions

The Information Sessions are Free and Registration will be open in early January 2025, via Eventbrite. Questions? Contact Debbie Dillion, dddillio@ncsu.edu or 704-238-3729.

- Jan 9, 10:00 am** **Information Session** – Southwest Regional Library, 1515 Cuthbertson Rd, Waxhaw
- Jan 9, 6:00 pm** **Information Session** - Extension Classroom, 3230 Presson Rd, Monroe
- Jan 14, 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 Center classroom*, 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. Payment must be made in person at the Extension Office, 3230 Presson Rd, Monroe, NC 28112 (payment can be made beforehand with a credit card or the night of a class with cash or check only).

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| Feb 4 | 6 – 9 pm | Pruning (will be held at the Special Events Center) |
| Feb 11 | 6 – 9 pm | Growing Vegetables & Herbs |
| Feb 18 | 6 – 9 pm | Growing Fruit in the Home Garden |
| Feb 20 | 6 – 9 pm | Growing Annuals & Perennials |
| Mar 4 | 6 – 9 pm | Growing Trees & Shrubs |
| Mar 11 | 6 – 9 pm | Lawns & Lawn Alternatives |
| Mar 18 | 6 – 9 pm | Common Insects, Diseases, Weeds & Management |

April 2 **EMGV Program Application Due** (*payment of \$200 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 16 **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	13	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Finding Research/Science based Information, Extension Resources, UCEMGV Association
	20	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Soils & Fertilizers
	27	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Composting & Soil Amendments
Sept	3	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Meet UC Extension Staff & TG Orientation
	10*	7:00 am – 7:00 pm	Field Trip – Raleigh, NCDACS Soil Lab & More
	17	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Botany
	24	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Propagation
Oct	1	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Entomology
	8*	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Field Trip – Davidson College Arboretum Tree Walk
	15	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Weeds
	22	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Plant Pathology & Diagnostics
	29	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	IPM & Pesticide Safety
Nov	5	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Review & Final Exam
	12		Presentations & Graduation Luncheon

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

** Cost for the Fall Core Training (\$200) 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 Orientation.

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