

2024 HCMGA Training Classes

| Date | Time | Topic-Assigned Reading | Presenter | Moderator | Venue |
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| Feb 8, Thurs | 9 to 12 | Orientation | Training Committee | | Unless otherwise stated, all classes will be held at Boys & Girl's Club, 1101 Madison Street, Lychburg, VA |
| Feb 12, Mon | 9 to 12 | Working with Youth; Risk Management & General Liability; Civil Rights (Better Impact/Files/Volunteering with the EMG Program); Read: Volunteering with EMG Program | Kelsey Laubach, 4-H Agent; Dave Close, VT, Specialist, Volunteer Engagement | Deb Morris | |
| Feb 15, Thurs | 9 to 12 | Botany - Chapter 1 READ ONLY: Abiotic Stress Effects on Plant Growth and Development - Chapter 5 | Yvonne Hansotte, Virginia Western Community College | Gail Copelan | |
| Feb 19, Mon | 9 to 12 | Plant Pathology - Chapter 4 Diagnosing Plant Damage - Chapter 6 | Melinda Mulesky, Master Gardener, Bedford | Carol Day | |
| Feb 22, Thurs | 9 to 12 | Fruits In the Home Garden - Chapter 10 | Michael LaChance, VCE Agent, retired | Deb Morris | |
| Feb 26, Mon | 9 to 12 | Plant Propagation - Chapter 8 | Melanie Barrow, Henry County Ext Agent Activity: Hands on Lab | Richard Givens | |
| Feb 29, Thurs | 9 to 9:50 | Landscape Design-Chapter 16; | Jonathan Sledge, Above Ground Trees | Marcia Wooldridge | |
| | 10 to 12 | HCMGA Programs, Records | Richard Givens & Pamela Hanse, HCMGA Master Gardeners | Deb Morris | |
| Mar 4, Mon | 9 to 12 | Integrated Pest Management and Pesticide Safety - Chapter 7 | Scott Baker, ANR Agent, Bedford County | Marcia Wooldridge | |
| Mar 7, Thurs | 9 to 12 | Lawns - Chapter 11 | Mike Goatley, VT, Prof & Ext Turf Grass Specialist. **Zoom presentation + Q&A | Cathy Woody | |

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| Mar 11, Mon | 9 to 12 | Pruning - Chapter 14 | Dean Dykeman, Arboristry | Barry Wilhelm | |
| Mar 14, Thurs | 9 to 9:15 | FOG Presentation | FOG Presentation: Suzanne Calvert/Yvonne Hansotte | Deb Morris | |
| | 9:15 to 12 | The Vegetable Garden - Chapter 9 | David Stokes, HCMGA Master Gardener | Pam Hanse | |
| Mar 18, Mon | 9 to 12 | Herbaceous Landscape Plants - Chapter 15 | Melanie Barrow, Henry County Ext Agent | Richard Givens | |
| Mar 21, Thurs | 9 to 10:15 | Woody Landscape Plants - Chapter 13 | Jonathan Sledge, Above Ground Trees | Marcia Wooldridge | |
| | 10:30 to 12 | Water Quality and Conservation- Chapter 17 | Scott Newton, Virginia State University | Marcia Wooldridge | |
| Mar 25, Mon | 9 to 12 | Entomology - Chapter 3 | Michael LaChance, VCE Agent, retired | Deb Morris | |
| Mar 28, Thurs | 9 to 11:00 10 minute break | Soils and Nutrient Management - Chapter 2; | Todd Scott, ANR Agent, Campbell County | Donna Skinner | |
| | 11:20-noon | Composting | Ronnie Waryas, HCMGA Master Gardener | Donna Skinner | Weather permitting: Composting will be held at Old City Cemetery |
| Apr 1, Mon | 9 to 12 | Virginia Native Plants - Chapter 19; READ: Habitat Gardening for Wildlife - Chapter 18 (quiz) | Kaye Moomaw, Former HCMGA Master Gardener, Commercial Flower Grower | Carol Day | |
| Apr 4, Thurs | 9 to 12 | Snow Day; READ ONLY: Indoor Plants - Chapter 12 | | | |
| Apr 8, Mon | 9 to 12 | Final Exam | Open book exam | | |
| Apr 11, Thurs | 10 to 12 | Graduation | | | Updated 1.12.24 |