

2025 HCMGA Training Class Schedule					
Date	Time	Topic-Assigned Reading	Presenter	Moderator	Venue
Feb 6, Thurs	9 to 12	Orientation	Training Committee	Becky Young and Kathy Carpenter	American Legion Building Lynchburg, VA
Feb 10, Mon	9 to 12	Working with Youth; Risk Management & General Liability; Civil Rights READ: Volunteering with EMG Program: (Better Impact/Files/Volunteering with the EMG Program)	Ed Olsen, Consumer Horticulture Specialist and EMG Program Director Patti Ames, Canon, Diocese of S.W. VA	Becky Young	Unless otherwise stated, all classes will be held at the Campbell County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension 163 Kabler Lane, Rustburg, VA
Feb 13, Thurs	9 to 12	Botany - Chapter 1 READ ONLY: Abiotic Stress Effects on Plant Growth and Development - Chapter 5	Yvonne Hansotte, HCMGA Master Gardener	Mike Kelly	
Feb 17, Mon	9 to 12	Plant Pathology - Chapter 4 Diagnosing Plant Damage - Chapter 6	Melinda Mulesky, Master Gardener, Bedford	Jackie Tiller	
Feb 20, Thurs	9 to 12	Fruits In the Home Garden - Chapter 10	Michael LaChance, VCE Agent, retired	Deb Morris	
Feb 24, Mon	9 to 12	Plant Propagation - Chapter 8 Activity: Hands-on Lab	Melanie Barrow, Henry County Ext Agent	Karen Murphy	
Feb 27, Thurs	9 to 9:50	Landscape Design - Chapter 16	Jonathan Sledge, Above Ground Trees	Kathy Carpenter	
	10 to 12	HCMGA Programs, Records	Richard Givens & Pamela Hanse, HCMGA Master Gardeners	Doug Pugh	
Mar 3, Mon	9 to 12	Integrated Pest Management and Pesticide Safety - Chapter 7	Scott Baker, ANR Agent, Bedford County	Patricia Wagemaker	
Mar 6, Thurs	9 to 12	Lawns - Chapter 11 (**Zoom presentation + Q&A)	Mike Goatley, VT, Prof & Ext Turf Grass Specialist		
Mar 10, Mon	9 to 12	Pruning - Chapter 14	Dean Dykeman, Arboristry	Mike Kelly	
Mar 13, Thurs	9 to 9:15	FOG Presentation	FOG Presentation		
	9:15 to 12	The Vegetable Garden - Chapter 9	Linda Papadopolous, HCMGA Master Gardener	Becky Young	
Mar 17, Mon	9 to 12	Herbaceous Landscape Plants - Chapter 15	Melanie Barrow, Henry County Ext Agent	Deb Morris	
Mar 20, Thurs	9 to 10:15	Woody Landscape Plants - Chapter 13	Jonathan Sledge, Above Ground Trees	Kathy Carpenter	

Mar 20, Thurs	10:30 to 12	Water Quality and Conservation- Chapter 17	Rob Mangrum, Mangrum Consulting and Design	Cindy Mangrum	
Mar 24, Mon	9 to 12	Entomology - Chapter 3	Michael LaChance, VCE Agent, retired	Deb Morris	
Mar 27, Thurs	9 to 12	Virginia Native Plants - Chapter 19 READ: Habitat Gardening for Wildlife - Chapter 18 (quiz)	Galina Tarasevitsch, HCMGA Master Gardener	Kathy Carpenter	
Mar 31, Mon	9 to 11:00	Soils and Nutrient Management - Chapter 2	Todd Scott, ANR Agent, Campbell County	Karen Murphy	
	15 minute break; 11:20-noon	Composting	Ronnie Waryas, HCMGA Master Gardener	Doug Pugh	
Apr 3, Thurs	9 to 12	Snow Day; READ ONLY: Indoor Plants - Chapter 12			
Apr 7, Mon	9 to 12	Final Exam	Open book exam		
Apr 9, Wed	11 to 1	Graduation - Following the HCMGA Monthly Meeting			American Legion Building Lynchburg, VA
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