

2025 HCMGA Training Class Schedule

| Date | Time | Topic-Assigned Reading | Presenter | Moderator | Venue |
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| Feb 6, Thurs | 9 to 12 | Orientation | Training Committee | Becky Young and Kathy Carpenter | 1301 Greenview Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502 American Legion Building Lynchburg, VA |
| Feb 10, Mon | 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 | 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 | Risk Management & General Liability (*Zoom presentation + Q&A) Working with Youth; Civil Rights READ ONLY: Abiotic Stress on Plant Growth and Development - Chapter 5 | Ed Olsen, Consumer Horticulture Specialist and EMG Program Director Kelsey Laubach, Extension Agent and 4-H Youth Development | Becky Young | |
| 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 & Rosanna Gidner, 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 | Kathy Carpenter | |
| Mar 10, Mon | 9 to 12 | Pruning - Chapter 14 | Dean Dykeman, Arboristry | Mike Kelly | |

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| Mar 13, Thurs | 9 to 9:15 | FOG Presentation | FOG Presentation Gail Copelan and Margaret Mundy | Becky Young | |
| | 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 | |
| | 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 | |
| | 11:15-noon | Composting | Ronnie Waryas, HCMGA Master Gardener | Doug Pugh | |
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| 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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