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Since classes are being added on an **on-going basis**, be sure to check the UConn Extension Master Gardener website often at [http://mastergardener.uconn.edu/](http://mastergardener.uconn.edu/) for additional classes.
Active Certified Master Gardeners may obtain Advanced Master Gardener certification by taking 20 classroom hours and providing 40 outreach hours over a three-year period. The time accumulates with the first AMG/Garden Master class taken after completing the Master Gardener certification requirements.

These classes are also open to the general public, providing access to a variety of horticultural and related topics. Anyone with an interest in gardening and horticulture is welcome! If, after taking a class or two, you are interested in taking the UConn Extension Master Gardener certification program, please contact your county or state coordinator (listed on the page prior to the registration form). The certification program is taught in five locations in the state each year, beginning in January. As part of this training, Master Gardeners commit time as volunteers working through their local Cooperative Extension Center or the Bartlett Arboretum to provide horticultural-related information and assistance to the community.

Garden Master Classes are offered through the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System Master Gardener Program. For Certified Master Gardeners they provide a continuation of their education as part of the Advanced Master Gardener certification process. Certified Master Gardeners may take these classes at the reduced, “Master Gardener” tuition rate.

Maintaining Active Certified Master Gardener Status

To maintain your active certified Master Gardener status you must:

- Take the Hot Topics class offered each year. This class is held on multiple dates throughout the state each year.
- Complete twenty (20) hours of outreach per year. At least ten (10) of those hours must be completed mentoring in your Extension Office or the Bartlett Arboretum.

Advanced Master Gardener Certification Requirements

Active Certified Master Gardeners may obtain Advanced Master Gardener certification by taking 20 classroom hours and providing 40 outreach hours over a three-year period. The time accumulates with the first AMG/Garden Master class taken after completing the Master Gardener certification requirements.

The University of Connecticut has its origin in the Morrill Act of 1862, the historic legislation that established the land grant institutions of public higher education. In 1881 the Connecticut General Assembly established the Storrs Agricultural School; the name of the school was changed in 1893 to Storrs Agricultural College, to Connecticut Agricultural College in 1899, to Connecticut State College in 1933 and in 1939 to the University of Connecticut.

The College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources continues its long tradition of serving the people of Connecticut and is committed to excellence in teaching, research and public service. The College offers baccalaureate and graduate degrees in a wide array of majors and an associate degree program through the Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture.

The College supports both basic and applied research through the Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station. Outreach, service and educational programs are conducted throughout the state by the Connecticut Cooperative Extension System partnering with the School of Family Studies.
F14/05 LAWNS: September is a Good Time to Assess

Classroom Hours: 2
Thursday, September 11, 2014 10:00 AM - Noon
New London County Extension Center
Instructor: Victoria Wallace

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
$40.00 Master Gardener
DEADLINE: September 4, 2014

A turfgrass lawn is often an important component in a home landscape. Fall is a great time to assess your lawn and make the necessary improvements. This program will review tips for general care along with recommendations for successful establishment and renovation. Topics addressed will include turfgrass selection, cultural care practices such as fertilization and irrigation, and pest management considerations.

Victoria Wallace is a UConn Extension Educator of Sustainable Turf and Landscapes. She works with professional turfgrass managers throughout the state refining low-input management programs. She has extensive experience in developing seed mixture recommendations for turf areas from low-input native lawns to high-profile golf courses and athletic fields. She received her BS degree from Penn State University and her MS degree from the University of Rhode Island.

F14/13 THE PLIGHT of the Pollinators

Classroom Hours: 2
Tuesday, September 16, 2014 1:00-3:00 PM
Fairfield County Extension Center
Instructor: Lisa Turoczi

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
$40.00 Master Gardener
DEADLINE: September 9, 2014

The thousands of diminutive creatures—bees, birds, butterflies, bats, and the like—that keep our ecosystems in proper working order have experienced an alarming decline in numbers in recent years. Most folks are aware of the role pollinators play in producing our food, but what they are less aware of is just how many native plants depend on the unique pollinators we have in Connecticut; the issue goes way beyond iconic species like honeybees and monarchs. “The Plight of the Pollinators” will direct Master Gardeners towards specific native plant material most beneficial to our native pollinators.

Lisa Turoczi went to school for Landscape Design at SUNY Cobleskill where she got much hands-on experience in design/build; she also worked for greenhouse nursery centers gaining knowledge on propagation. She went on to get a degree in Landscape Architecture from SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry. Lisa and her husband Kyle are the owners of Earth Tones Native Plant Nursery located at 212 Grassy Hill Road in Woodbury, CT.
F14/02  THE ELEMENTS OF CONTAINER DESIGN and How to Achieve Growth Success  RESCHEDULED FROM SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER

Classroom Hours: 2  
Wednesday, November 19, 2014  6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Tolland County Extension Center  
Instructor: Cathy Testa  

FEE:  $50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$40.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: November 12, 2014  

This two-hour class will discuss design compositions for container gardening and how to achieve growth success. It will include how to carry the elements of design learned with container gardening into small gardens, and methods to extend the growing season by utilizing sound container gardening principles.

Cathy Testa, owner of Cathy T’s Landscape Designs and Container Crazy CT, completed the Master Gardener Program in 2010. She holds an Associates of Applied Science degree in Horticulture with a concentration in Floriculture from the University of Connecticut. Upon graduation, Cathy was employed at the Garden Barn and Nursery in Vernon, CT, for two years before starting her own business, which she has been operating for eight years. She has served on the Board of the Connecticut Horticultural Society. Her current business services include container gardening design and installations and small garden design consultations.

F14/07 MAPLES—Part 1

Classroom Hours: 2  
Tuesday, September 23, 2014  7:00 - 9:00 PM  
Hartford County Extension Center  
Instructor: Kevin Wilcox  

FEE:  $50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$40.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: September 16, 2014  

Maples, or the genus Acer, range from large trees to very small shrubs. Kevin’s talk will focus on the smaller, more garden-worthy trees and shrubs. An emphasis will be placed on Japanese species such as Acer truncatum, Acer griseum, and, naturally, Acer palmatum.

This extensive topic will be covered in two distinct classes, with the second class (F14/08) on December 9, 2014. You may take one or both classes—this class is not a prerequisite for the December one.

Kevin Wilcox is the owner of the Silver Spring Nursery, growing and selling ornamental trees and shrubs. He has worked in the nursery profession in many capacities for 29 years and also spent a requisite four years enrolled at SUNY Cobleskill, where he learned the science behind the why and how of plant culture. In 1991, he became a Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional. For fun, he is an auctioneer for the Connecticut Horticultural Society’s Spring and Fall Plant Auctions.
F14/11 THE RIGHT-SIZE FLOWER GARDEN: Exceptional Plants and Design Solutions for Aging and Time-Pressed Gardeners

Classroom Hours: 2  
Tuesday, September 30, 2014  1:00 - 3:00 PM  
Bartlett Arboretum  
Instructor: Kerry Mendez  

FEE:  $50.00 Non-Master Gardener  DEADLINE: September 23, 2014  
$40.00 Master Gardener  

Change happens. Many still dream of ‘Better Homes and Gardens’ landscapes but reality has muddied the picture. Job demands, kids, money, hectic schedules, aging bodies, and changing interests have led to nightmare gardens. Time for some ‘editing’. This inspiring lecture provides easy-to-follow downsizing strategies, recommended no-fuss plant material, and design tips for stunning year-round gardens that will be as close to autopilot as you can get. The lecture also includes organic and sustainable practices.  

**Kerry Ann Mendez** is dedicated to teaching the art of low-maintenance perennial gardening and landscaping in zones 3-7. Her gardens have been featured in numerous magazines including Horticulture, Fine Gardening and Garden Gate. She has published three books and her newest one, The Right-Size Flower Garden, will be released in February 2015. In 2014 she received the honorary Gold Medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for her significant contributions to the enjoyment and appreciation of plants and the environment.

F14/12 MOST WANTED: Insect Pests

Classroom Hours: 2  
Thursday, October 2, 2014  10:00 AM - Noon  
New London County Extension Center  
Instructor: Katherine Dugas  

FEE:  $50.00 Non-Master Gardener  DEADLINE: September 25, 2014  
$40.00 Master Gardener  

This class will cover insect pests frequently encountered in the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station’s Insect Inquiry Office and the New London County Extension Center. It will also include an update on the invasive and highly damaging emerald ash borer (EAB); this invasive beetle was first detected in Connecticut in 2012 and a major effort continues to monitor for its presence, which has since extended to the five westernmost counties.  

**Katherine Dugas** works at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station as CAPS State Survey Coordinator, and as an assistant at the CAES Insect Inquiry Office. She has a Bachelors degree in Biology and a Master’s Degree in Plant Sciences and Entomology.
October

**Fl14/23 VEGETABLE Garden Wrap-Up**

Classroom Hours: 2  
Wednesday, October 1, 2014  
Windham Extension Center  
Instructor: Mr. John LoRusso  

FEE:  $50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$40.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: September 25, 2014  
Class limit: 30

This class has a limit. You MUST email the County Coordinator to confirm there is space BEFORE mailing in your registration.

This class is targeted at both experienced and wannabe vegetable gardeners. John will share his hands-on knowledge of vegetable garden production - the successes, the problems, and some solutions. He will discuss use of late-season crops and techniques that will help you prolong the vegetable growing season in CT. John will provide you with practical advice on planning your next year’s garden.

**John LoRusso** is a 2011 graduate of UConn’s Master Gardener Program. He has organized and developed school-based community gardens. John has been very active with the People’s Harvest Garden in Pomfret, a large vegetable garden (or small farm) maintained by Master Gardeners since 2005. Thousands of pounds of produce from this garden has been donated to soup kitchens throughout northeastern Connecticut.

**Fl14/03 WHAT’S IN A NAME? Latin for Gardeners**

Classroom Hours: 2  
Wednesday, October 15, 2014  
Tolland County Extension Center  
Instructor: Jude Hsiang  

FEE:  $50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$40.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: October 8, 2014  
Class limit: 40

This class has a limit. You MUST email the County Coordinator to confirm there is space BEFORE mailing in your registration.

Confused and intimidated by the scientific names of plants? In this class we will review the system of binomial nomenclature that allows botanists, horticulturalists and backyard gardeners to communicate effectively. Why Latin? Why do the names keep changing? We’ll translate some frequently encountered terms and learn how each scientific name we learn can lead us to a deeper understanding of the natural world. We will look at a number of plant samples to find out what their names tell us. Bring your favorite tongue twisting names and we’ll try to tease them out. If you have a favorite plant name guide bring it along. “Little Latin and less Greek” got Shakespeare from Stratford to London; what can they do for a gardener?

**Jude Hsiang** is a Certified Advanced Master Gardener and Coordinator of the UConn Extension Master Gardener Program for New Haven County. A Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional, she also works at Broken Arrow Nursery in Hamden and edits the Connecticut Botanical Society newsletter.
October

F14/01 COASTAL CERTIFICATE—Sound Gardening: Sustainable Landscaping for Clean Waters

Classroom Hours Awarded: 6
Time Commitment: 12 classroom hours and one field trip
Class Location: Mercy Center, 167 Neck Road, Madison
Instructor: Judy Preston, Speaker and Coordinator (multiple guest speakers)

Dates: Monday, October 6, 6 - 9 PM
      Wednesday, October 8, 6 - 9 PM
      Sunday, October 19, Required Field Trip, TBA
      Monday, October 20, 6 - 9 PM.
      Wednesday, October 22, 6 - 9 PM

FEE: $75.00 Non-Master Gardener  DEADLINE: September 29, 2014
     $65.00  Master Gardener

The Coastal Certificate program is offered to those who wish to familiarize themselves with current environmental issues unique to our coastal waters and Long Island Sound, while learning ways to landscape more sustainably. In a time when climate change is taking on increasing significance, the program will address how and why the transition to sustainable landscapes is not just a good idea, but also a global environmental imperative.

The program is designed to generate ambassadors of alternatives to nutrient- and chemically-intensive landscaping practices for Connecticut coastal and watershed residents. The outreach component will be geared to spreading the word about sustainable landscaping through hands-on projects, educational materials and other creative ideas.

In addition to covering coastal environmental issues, the Coastal Certificate program will feature professionals who address exciting ways to reduce or rethink lawns, create native plant habitats that attract birds and pollinating insects, design for sustainability using native coastal plants, and share tools and resources for effective outreach.

Participants must attend all five classes and complete two approved outreach activities to receive the Coastal Certificate. Reading resources will be provided. Optional text: The Naturescape Workbook: A Step-by-Step Guide for Bringing Nature to Your Backyard, Beth O’Donnell and Karen Bussolini, Timber Press 2013. Extension Master Gardeners will receive 6 AMG credits upon completion.

Judy Preston is the CT Outreach Coordinator for the Long Island Sound Study and works at the CT Sea Grant UConn office in Groton, CT. She has a master’s degree in applied ecology from the Field Naturalist Program at the University of Vermont, and a master’s in Environmental Management from Yale’s School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Judy is a UConn Extension Master Gardener and Master Composter and an Accredited Organic Land Care Professional through the Northeast Organic Farming Association. For more information about the program, contact Judy at 860-395-0465 or 860-405-9303, or email: judy.preston@uconn.edu
**Fl4/04 Connecticut CURIOSITIES**

Classroom Hours: 2
Wednesday, October 22, 2014 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Tolland County Extension Center
Instructor: Joan Allen

FEE:  $50.00 Non-Master Gardener  DEADLINE: October 15, 2014
$40.00 Master Gardener

This class has a limit. You MUST email the County Coordinator to confirm there is space BEFORE mailing in your registration.

What is the weird stuff growing on my plants? Why do fireflies flicker light? What made my carrots grow with a bunch of twisted points? Why does that insect have horns? Whether found beneath the soil or soaring in the air, all kinds of living organisms found in Connecticut have special characteristics allowing them to survive in southern New England. From strange looking trees and Connecticut’s only lizard to recent invasive species, explore a menagerie of Connecticut’s unique living things and their odd characteristics. Bring an interesting specimen, or photo, to share!

Plant pathologist Joan Allen is director of the laboratory at the UConn Home & Garden Education Center at Storrs. She teaches plant pathology for the UConn Master Gardener Program and has been heard to say “A healthy plant is a boring plant.”

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**Fl4/18 INSECT PEST Field Research**

Classroom Hours: 2
Thursday, October 16, 2014 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Middlesex County Extension Center
Instructors: Jude Hsiang and Gail Reynolds

FEE:  $50.00 Non-Master Gardener  DEADLINE: October 9, 2014
$40.00 Master Gardener

The instructors will explain the field research projects in which they have participated in 2014: Christmas Tree Exotic Longhorned Beetle Survey and Biological Control of Lily Leaf Beetle (Lillocerus lilii) in Connecticut. You will learn about the time and commitment necessary to achieve scientific gains, implementing the scientific method in the field, the economic impacts of exotic pests, working with private landowners, and all the little surprises along the way.

Jude Hsiang is a Certified Advanced Master Gardener and Coordinator of the UConn Master Gardener Program in New Haven County. A Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional, she also works at Broken Arrow Nursery in Hamden and edits the newsletter of the Connecticut Botanical Society.

Gail Reynolds, Certified Advanced Master Gardener and Middlesex County UConn Master Gardener coordinator, retired from a long career in Information Technology. She holds bachelors and masters degrees in biology and terrestrial ecology from Yale University.
**F14/17 Growing WINE GRAPES in Haddam**

Classroom Hours: 2  
Thursday, October 30, 2014  
Middlesex County Extension Center  
Instructors: Stew Gillmor

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$40.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: October 27, 2014

Have you contemplated growing grapes and making wine? Stew Gillmor, a retired Wesleyan professor, will detail how he began a small grape-growing operation on his property; selecting appropriate grape varieties, sustainability managing his grapes, making wine, and what sources he considers best sources for learning about viticulture. A short wine tasting will follow the class.

Stew Gillmor, PhD, is a retired Wesleyan professor of history and science. In addition to his academic career, Stew is also a musician, a ham radio operator, owner of a historic home, and husband of a UConn Master Gardener.

**F14/25 FOUNDATION GARDENS & Entryways: Finding the Hidden Assets in the Home Landscape**

Classroom Hours: 2  
Saturday, November 1, 2014  
Middlesex County Extension Center  
Instructors: Kathy Connolly

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$40.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: October 26, 2014  
Class limit: 10

This class has a limit. You MUST email the County Coordinator to confirm there is space BEFORE mailing in your registration.

Are there ways to get greater satisfaction from your home landscape while increasing the value of your home? Many possibilities center around foundation gardens and entryways. In this design seminar, we’ll look at what adds value—visual, emotional and financial—to the landscape, discuss the challenges of designing and installing landscapes close to buildings, and learn how some conventional landscape practices undermine appearance and functionality. We’ll explore new ways of looking at the house itself. This seminar is primarily about design, but plants and pruning are also part of the discussion. Participants are invited to submit “curb shots” of their homes if they want them to be included for group discussion. Email to Kathy@SpeakingofLandscapes.com.

Kathy Connolly is a landscape designer from Old Saybrook, CT. She has a master’s degree in sustainable landscape planning and design from the Conway School, is an Advanced Master Gardener and a NOFA-accredited organic land care professional. She is a regular columnist for The Day community newspapers in Connecticut and Rhode Island, as well as a frequent speaker on “all things green and growing.” Her web site is www.SpeakingofLandscapes.com
**Fl4/26 Brighten up Those WINTER BLUES; A Look at Great Plants for Winter Interest**

Classroom Hours: 2  
Saturday, November 1, 2014  
Litchfield County Extension Center  
Instructor: Adam Wheeler

Fee: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$40.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: October 24, 2014

Who says the winter garden has to be filled with boring, drab colors? Join Adam Wheeler from Broken Arrow Nursery for this fun-filled lecture that explores the diversity of plants available for adding color and interest to the garden during winter. Adam’s lecture will be enhanced with living samples of many great gardening plants available for enhancing the ornamental qualities of the landscape during the sleepy season. Open discussion and insight from those attending is encouraged.

Adam Wheeler is the propagation and plant development manager at Broken Arrow Nursery in Hamden. He completed his BS in urban forestry and landscape horticulture at the University of Vermont. Adam enjoys collecting rare and unusual plants, rock climbing and competitive giant pumpkin growing.

**Fl4/14 LIVABLE Garden Design**

Classroom Hours: 5  
Sunday, November 2 & 16, 2014  
1:00—4:00 PM  
Hartford County Extension Center  
Instructor: Sarah Bailey

FEE:  
$100.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$80.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: October 24, 2014  
Limit 12 students

This class has a limit. You MUST email the County Coordinator to confirm there is space BEFORE mailing in your registration.

Good garden design starts with an understanding of both the plants and how the space to be designed will be used. A “yard” is simply a space, while a “garden” has organization and purpose. This basic garden design class is being offered in the Hartford area this term. The first class covers identifying and defining your location’s specific purpose and the nuts and bolts of basic design: tools, site analysis, measuring and color and design principles. Students will then have two weeks to develop a garden design on their own and the results will be shared in the second class, along with suggestions and feedback. Students can work on a new or existing garden.

Sarah Bailey is a Certified Advanced Master Gardener and a Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional. She has worked in the horticultural industry as, variously, a retail nursery manager, a private gardener and designer and a consultant for several landscape firms. She is the Hartford County coordinator for the UConn Extension Master Gardener Program and Extension youth gardening. She is on the board of directors for the Connecticut Horticultural Society as well as the education committee of the CT Nursery and Landscape Association.
CLIMATE CHANGE and Impacts on Wetlands

Classroom Hours: 2
Wednesday, November 5, 2014 10:00 AM - Noon
New London County Extension Center
Instructor: Dr. Juliana Barrett
FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
$40.00 Master Gardener
DEADLINE: October 29, 2014

“Of all aquatic systems, wetlands will likely be the most susceptible to climate change.”
(Lawler et al. 2008) Both global and regional climate change impacts on wetlands will be examined,
including rising air and water temperatures, sea level rise, changes in precipitation form, intensity and
quantity, and storm frequency and intensity. Sea level rise, intensified by climate change, is the great-
est threat to coastal wetlands, while temperature changes and changes in the hydrologic cycle are
threatening inland wetlands. This presentation will look at the different types of wetlands that we
have in Connecticut and the impacts of climate change on these wetlands, as well as what research-
ers are doing about these impacts.

Juliana Barrett is with the University of Connecticut Sea Grant College Program and the Department of
Extension. Her work focuses on climate change adaptation and coastal habitat management working
with Connecticut’s municipalities, NGOs and state and federal partners. Prior to coming to Sea Grant in
2006 she worked as a consultant and, for The Nature Conservancy, as the Director of the Connecticut Riv-
er Tidelands Last Great Places Program. She has a doctorate in plant ecology from the University of Con-
necticut and is a co-author of The Vegetation of Connecticut.

RESIDENTIAL Landscape Design

Classroom Hours: 2
Monday, November 10, 2014 10:00 AM - Noon
Bartlett Arboretum
Instructor: Amy E. Sampson
FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
$40.00 Master Gardener
DEADLINE: November 3, 2014

Landscape design principles are the basic concepts to guide us to create both aesthetically pleasing
as well as practical landscape designs. A well-designed landscape plan must also take into account
specific site conditions and plant choices that can thrive in differing microclimates. This talk will pre-
sent residential landscape design principles; the basics of site conditions based on sun and wind pat-
terns and will conclude with photos and descriptions of specific sustainable plants, both native and
non-native.

Amy Sampson, PhD, is a residential and commercial landscape designer and is the owner of AES Land-
scape Design and Consultation located in Cheshire, CT. Amy taught landscape design and horticulture
courses at Naugatuck Valley Community College and is the landscape design instructor for the CT Nursery
& Landscape Association’s accreditation program. Amy has also taught classes for the CT Master Garden-
er continuing education program and conducts talks for nurseries, garden clubs, and horticulture-related
groups across Connecticut.
F14/16 MUSHROOM GROWING for Beginners

Classroom Hours: 2
Tuesday, November 11, 2014 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Middlesex County Extension Center
Instructor: Ian Gibson

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
     $40.00 Master Gardener
DEADLINE: November 4, 2014

Have you been interested in learning more about mushrooms? Farmer, teacher, and scientist Ian Gibson will present the following:

* How fungi (mushrooms) differ from plants
* Main types of cultivated mushrooms
* Cultivated vs. wild mushrooms
* Backyard cultivation techniques, including supplies
* Basics of foraging for wild mushrooms

Ian Gibson manages Wellstone Farm/CSA in Higganum and serves as Agricultural Advisor to the Higganum Farmers’ Market. He holds a bachelor’s degree in wildlife biology from University of Rhode Island and a master’s degree in marine biology and coastal zone management from Nova Southeastern University. Ian is also an independent science educator.

F14/22 COMPOSTING Over the Winter & Beyond

Classroom Hours: 2
Saturday, November 15, 2014 10:00 AM - Noon
Windham Extension Center
Instructor: Mary Jane Tynan

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
     $40.00 Master Gardener
DEADLINE: November 10, 2014
Class limit: (20)

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Mary Jane will show you how to create and maintain an indoor worm bin, a non-smelly vermicomposter, that you can start up this season and reap compost from for next spring’s garden. She will instruct you in how to use Eisenia fetida, a composting worm, to turn your banana peels, lettuce trimmings, etc. into a valuable soil amendment and reduce your “garbage footprint” at the same time. Once established your worm colony will work for you all year long. Attendees will be asked to bring their own opaque covered plastic container (approx. 17 qt. size – size details will be sent on registration) which they will convert into a worm bin under Mary Jane’s instruction. A “starter set” of worms in compost will be provided.

Mary Jane Tynan is a 2007 graduate of UConn’s Master Gardener Program and a 2009 graduate of the URI Master Composter and Recycler Program. She has been an educator for many years and used horticultural projects to inspire her students and bridge their differences in learning styles. Mary Jane is also a costumed docent at Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts.
F14/09 WOODY PLANT PROPAGATION Via Dormant Hardwood Stem Cuttings

Classroom Hours: 2
Tuesday, November 11, 2014 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Fairfield County Extension Center
Instructor: Adam Wheeler

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
$40.00 Master Gardener
DEADLINE: November 4, 2014

Anyone with a green thumb knows that one of the great things about horticulture is propagation - and not just growing plants from seeds! With an understanding of basic vegetative propagation techniques, anyone can start growing all kinds of plants from cuttings. Hardwood cuttings provide an easy and reliable method of propagating a range of deciduous climbers, trees and shrubs, and as bonus, they are taken from mid-autumn until late winter when more time is usually available to the gardener.

Adam Wheeler is the Propagation and Plant Development Manager of Broken Arrow Nursery, located in Hamden, CT. He graduated from the University of Vermont where he completed his BS degree in urban forestry and landscape horticulture. Additionally, he is an adjunct instructor on plant propagation and woody plant identification at Naugatuck Valley Community College. At Broken Arrow Nursery, Adam manages plant propagation and the acquisition and development of new plants. In his spare time he enjoys collecting rare and unusual plants, rock climbing, and competitive giant pumpkin growing.

F14/21 THE TAMING of the Shrub

Classroom Hours: 3
Saturday, November 15, 2014 9:00 AM – Noon
Litchfield County Extension Center
Instructor: David Silver

FEE: $75.00 Non-Master Gardener
$60.00 Master Gardener
DEADLINE: November 7, 2014

Pruning is both an art and a science that requires practice. Because of this, many otherwise accomplished home gardeners are at a loss when it comes to pruning. Pruning need not be perplexing and difficult. Sound techniques applied at the right time for the right plant can remove the mystery. This lecture will focus on the pruning and training of common garden shrubs, and will put special emphasis on the rationale behind pruning and the solid fundamentals of good pruning practices. This discussion will help the home gardener achieve a result that is both horticulturally sound and aesthetically pleasing.

David Silver is a professional landscaper and Master Gardener with over 30 years of experience with bonsai. He has studied with Japanese, Chinese, and American Bonsai masters. David is the owner of Bantam Bonsai, a garden design, construction and maintenance business, specializing in Japanese, perennial, rock and water gardens as well as vegetable gardens. He is a member of Bonsai Clubs International, the Greater Hartford Bonsai Society, the CT Master Gardener Association and the Garden Writers Association. His articles on bonsai have appeared in several bonsai publications.
F14/19 Growing a THANKSGIVING CENTERPIECE

Classroom Hours: 2  
Saturday, November 22, 2014  1:00 - 3:00 PM  
Windham Extension Center  
Instructor: Lisa Withers

FEE:  $50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
      $40.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE:  November 17, 2014  
Class limit: 20  
Materials cost: $25 (payable day of class)

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In this class Lisa will share her expertise and help you produce an attractive, unique centerpiece for your holiday table. But that’s not all! She will also discuss which plants you could incorporate into your home garden to provide you plant material to use to create holiday and winter home decorations for years to come, as well as give your garden more “winter interest”.

Lisa Withers, owner of “Down to Earth Gardening & Design” has been designing and maintaining gardens professionally for the past 13 years. She is a graduate of UConn’s Master Gardener Program and is a Certified Herbalist. Lisa has been enthusiastically involved in the gardening business since she was a child, working in her mother’s landscaping and floral business. Lisa has taught various horticultural classes since 2004.

F14/24 ENGLISH HOUSES & GARDENS of the Arts and Crafts Period

Classroom Hours: 1  
Thursday, November 20, 2014  1:30 - 2:30 PM  
Bartlett Arboretum  
Instructor: Kathy Kling

FEE:  $25.00 Non-Master Gardener  
      $20.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE:  November 13, 2014

William Robinson and other architects and gardeners at the turn of 19th century England ushered in a wholly new concept of architecture and gardening. The Arts and Crafts movement rejected the Victorian style and sought a return to a more “authentic” English sensibility. They designed with a sympathetic response to the site and saw the importance of local artisans and materials. They replaced the Victorian glass house gardens full of exotic plants with gardens of hardy and sustainable English plants. We will look briefly at a few late 18th century houses and gardens in order to place the Arts and Crafts period in context. We will then look at several Arts and Crafts houses and gardens, many of which are still tended today with the same sensibility. Particularly noteworthy are the parallels that can be made between that period and current thoughts about the environment and gardening.

Kathy Kling is a Master Gardener and volunteer at the Montgomery Pinetum. She takes care of Sydney Eddison’s garden in Newtown, CT, and has recently started her own gardening company, The Plantagenet Group, with her sister. Kathy is a LEED-certified architect registered in New York and Connecticut and has an M.Arch from Columbia.
**F14/20 EVERGREEN Identification and WREATH Making**

Classroom Hours: 2  
Saturday, December 6, 2014  
1:00 - 3:00 PM  
Windham Extension Center  
Instructor: Lisa Withers

FEE:  
$50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$40.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: December 1, 2014

Class limit: (20)  
Materials Cost: $20 (payable day of class)  
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Learn how to identify and use plants from your home garden for wreath-making. Under Lisa’s able instruction you will create a hand-tied wreath from evergreens and other appropriate plant material that can be grown in the home landscape. There will also be a brief lesson in wreath bow-making. Please bring your hand pruners.

**Lisa Withers**, owner of “Down to Earth Gardening & Design” has been designing and maintaining gardens professionally for the past 13 years. She is a 2001 graduate of UConn’s Master Gardener Program and has been a Certified Herbalist since 2008. Lisa has been enthusiastically involved in the gardening business since she was a child, working in her mother’s landscaping and floral business. Lisa has taught a variety of horticultural classes since 2004.

**F14/15 Introduction to HORTICULTURAL THERAPY - Hands On**

Classroom Hours: 2  
Tuesday, December 9, 2014  
1:00 - 3:00 PM  
Bethel County Extension Center  
Instructor: Deidra Wallin

FEE:  
$50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$40.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: December 2, 2014

Learn about the evolving time proven practice of horticultural therapy originating in ancient times. Discover the broad range of rehabilitative, vocational and community settings that utilize this beneficial and effective therapeutic modality. Explore the cognitive, psychological, social, and physical benefits which are the basis for setting treatment goals. Participate in a hands on activity to experience how the process itself is considered the therapeutic activity rather than the end product.

**Deirdra E. Wallin** has an Advanced Master Gardener Certificate from UConn and a Horticultural Therapy Certificate from New York Botanical Garden. She is currently working towards professional registration as a Horticultural Therapist through the American Horticultural Therapy Association, while interning at Green Chimney’s Children Services. The Personal Gardener is her small business, providing a variety of horticultural services.
F14/08 MAPLES—Part 2

Classroom Hours: 2
Tuesday, December 9, 2014 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Hartford County Extension Center
Instructor: Kevin Wilcox

FEE:  $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
      $40.00 Master Gardener
      DEADLINE: December 2, 2014

Maples, or the genus Acer, range from large trees to very small shrubs. Kevin’s talk will focus on the smaller, more garden-worthy trees and shrubs. An emphasis will be placed on Japanese species such as Acer truncatum, Acer griseum, and, naturally, Acer palmatum.

This topic is extensive and will be covered in two distinct classes, with the first class (F14/07) on September 23, 2014. You may take one or both classes—F14/07 is not a prerequisite for this class.

Kevin Wilcox is the owner of the Silver Spring Nursery, growing and selling ornamental trees and shrubs. He has worked in the nursery profession in many capacities for 29 years and also spent a requisite four years enrolled at SUNY Cobleskill, where he learned the science behind the why and how of plant culture. In 1991, he became a Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional. For fun, he is an auctioneer for the Connecticut Horticultural Society's Spring and Fall Plant Auctions.

Additional AMG Credit Opportunities!

Certified Master Gardeners can receive two (2) AMG class credits for ONE of the following educational conferences in the 2013-2014 year:

CT Master Gardener Association Annual Symposium—3/15/14
UConn Garden Conference—03/21/14
CIPWG Invasive Plant Symposium—10/07/2014

If you attend one of these conferences, be sure to sign up for AMG credits!
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Registration Information

To register, please complete the form on the next page. If you are registering for more than one person, please use separate forms for each. Registrations are processed upon receipt. Payment is by check or money order, made out to UConn. Mail your completed registration and payment to:

UConn Extension Master Gardener Program
1376 Storrs Road, Unit 4036
Storrs, CT 06269-4036

Class information will be sent the week prior to the class, via email wherever possible. If you do not have email, please ensure that we have a telephone number where we can reach you. The lower course fee is offered to UConn Certified Master Gardeners. Students currently enrolled in the Master Gardener Program are also eligible for the lower course fees.

Questions
Please direct inquiries about a specific class to the Extension office sponsoring that class (see list on previous page) or to the state coordinator (860) 486-6343. The “Classes by Date” listing in the front of the catalog notes which office is sponsoring each class.

Cancellation and Refunds
If registration numbers are insufficient, we reserve the right to cancel a class, and a credit will be issued. Every attempt will be made to notify registrants of a cancelled class via telephone or email; therefore, it is important to include both your daytime and evening telephone numbers as well as relevant email addresses.

Last-minute withdrawals and no-shows cause significant problems for the effective administration of the Master Classes. In order to receive credit toward a future class due to a student-initiated withdrawal from a course, the county coordinator or the state coordinator must be notified by phone or email at least three (3) business days before the class (see list on previous page). No credits will be given without this prior notification. A $5.00 administrative fee will be charged to process the credit, and must be paid before any credit will be issued. Credit vouchers will be sent, usually by email, once the administrative fee has been received.

Weather Cancellations
Class cancellations due to inclement weather are generally announced by email and recorded message. If you think that your class may have been cancelled, please check your email and/or call the Extension Master Gardener office sponsoring the class.

Using Class Credits
To apply a class credit towards a new class, the user MUST submit a copy of the credit voucher with future registrations (or bring a copy with them if they register at the door for a class).
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Payment - Make check or money order payable to “UConn.” Check # ________

Are you a Master Gardener? Yes/ No If Yes, year certified: 19____ or 20_____  
In which county? ________________________________

☐ Please check this box if this is the first time you’ve enrolled for Garden Master Classes.

Please fill out below with the course number (F14/XX), title and cost. Mail your completed registration and payment to:

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