Garden Master Classes

Winter/Spring 2017
Garden Master Classes are offered through the UConn Extension 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.

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, feel free to contact your county or state coordinator (listed on page 14). The certification program is taught in five locations in the state each year, beginning in January. As part of this training, Master Gardeners commit to time as volunteers working through their local UConn Extension Center or the Bartlett Arboretum to provide horticulture-related information and assistance to the community.

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 in an Extension Center or the Bartlett Arboretum.

Advanced Master Gardener Certification Requirements

Active Certified Master Gardeners may obtain Advanced Master Gardener certification by taking 20 approved classroom hours along with maintaining active certification.

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Please contact the **County Coordinator** with any questions about class content or location, or the **UConn Extension Master Gardener program** with questions about registration.

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January

S17/27 UNDERUSED TREES AND SHRUBS

Each year we find an overabundance of new plants, mostly new varieties of plants we've known for years. This class will look at the often overlooked trees and shrubs that are delightful additions to any landscape. Cultural information will be provided along with suggestions for use in design. Trees such as Eucommia and Maackia will be presented along with shrubs like Wikstromia and Exochorda. All the plants presented will be hardy for most of Connecticut.

Instructor: Kevin Wilcox has worked in the nursery profession in many capacities for 30 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 has been an auctioneer for the Connecticut Horticultural Society's Spring and Fall Plant Auctions.

S17/17 GARDENING INDOORS FOR HAPPY HOUSEPLANTS

It's winter ... can't wait for spring so you can garden again? Why not turn the situation around with some indoor gardening? We're talking houseplants! Maybe you are already a houseplant enthusiast, ready to expand your knowledge - as well as your plant collection. Nicole Christensen covers these situations and more with plenty of helpful houseplant advice; how to keep your houseplants happy, what plants to choose (and what to avoid), where to place them, and how to maintain and overwinter indoor potted plants. We will tackle the different challenges of indoor gardening and learn how to make your plants work for you!

Instructor: Nicole Christensen is a Texas native who teaches gardening and knitting and also writes professionally as the “Suburban Farmgirl Blogger” and for the national organic lifestyle publication, MaryJanesFarm magazine. Nicole is a 2015 UConn Extension Master Gardener.

S17/10 SUSTAINABLE DESIGN FOR ORGANIC FARMING

Whether you are building a perennial garden, a homestead, or a commercial farm, the simple truths of sustainable design remain the same. Come learn about the principles and practices behind local food, flower, and wool production at The Hickories and be inspired to incorporate sustainable design into your own garden projects.

Instructor: Dina Brewster is the farm manager at The Hickories, a diversified certified-organic farm in Ridgefield, CT. The Hickories is in its 12th year of production, and it operates a CSA and Farm Store as well as distributing food to various restaurants in Fairfield County. Working more than 30 acres of field and pasture on her family’s farm, Dina oversees fruit, vegetable, and flower production in addition to a hearty livestock operation that produces meat and wool – all food for the community with respect to our fragile local ecosystem.

Tuesday, January 17, 2017
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Hartford County Extension Center
Hours Earned: 2
FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
$40.00 Master Gardener
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Jan. 3, 2017

Tuesday, January 24, 2017
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Fairfield County Extension Center
Hours Earned: 2
(Snow Date January 31)
FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
$40.00 Master Gardener
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Jan. 10, 2017

Wednesday, January 25, 2017
10:00 AM – Noon
Bartlett Arboretum, Stamford
Hours Earned: 2
(Snow date February 1)
FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
$40.00 Master Gardener
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Jan. 11, 2017
**S17/24 POLLINATOR GARDENING: WHAT TO DO BEFORE & AFTER PLANTING**

Pollinator gardens are all the rage right now but creating successful pollinator habitat requires more than just selecting the right species of plants. In this class, Shaun McCoshum will discuss native pollinators and explain how to create and manage healthy ecosystems in your garden, from choosing plants for bees, butterflies and caterpillars to creating nest sites and storm refuge. Class topics include native bee and butterfly ecology and the ecological role your garden can play.

**Instructor: Shaun McCoshum** has a PhD in zoology from Oklahoma State University where his research focused on native bee and butterfly ecology. Shaun also holds a masters’ in botany and has experience managing and working in wildlands. Currently he is the preserve manager and educator for Westchester Land Trust.

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**S17/03 GARDENING FOR THE AGES**

Creaky knees? Sore back? If you (or someone you know) are beginning to think about slowing down or cutting back your gardening, you need to attend this class on how we adapt our gardens as we ... mature. Making a plan is part of the solution, and this interactive class will help you map it out. If possible, bring some photos of your garden, small or large, for reference and planning.

**Instructor: Christina Beebe** is owner of God’s Green Earth in Simsbury, providing accredited organic landcare since 2003, creating and maintaining area landscapes. She is an Advanced Master Gardener, a Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional, and also NOFA accredited. Along with gardening, current interests include eldercare issues and gyotaku.

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**S17/26 PLANT PRUNING BASICS**

This class will try to condense a lifetime of experience into a two-hour presentation. You will learn the pruning mantra that you will say to yourself every time you prune, which will aid you more than anything else you learn in this or any course on plant pruning. Other topics covered will be the big three Ws: When, Why and Where. Along with an overview of tools to use and how to care for them, we will discuss how to prune Hydrangeas, a plant that confuses almost everyone.

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S17/01 A DAY IN THE GREENHOUSE
When you buy those annuals next spring, wouldn’t you like to know what happens before they end up in your shopping cart? Connecticut is home to many commercial nursery and greenhouse ventures. Come tour one of the state-of-the-art greenhouses in Wallingford. Explore state-of-the-art propagation, transplanting and irrigation systems and learn how growers make their crop selections. We’ll discuss modern energy-saving technology used by greenhouse growers, including biomass heat technology.

Instructor: Kevin Sullivan owned and operated Chestnut Hill Nursery in Stafford, a family farm that grew most of the material they sold. He is an active member of the Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association, most recently as president for the 2014-2015 term. He has a degree in ornamental horticulture and has been designing and installing residential, commercial and golf course plantings for more than 25 years.

S17/11 DO-IT-YOURSELF PLANT BREEDING
Have you ever wondered how plant breeders do what they do? Have you ever wanted to create your own cultivars or improve old varieties? This workshop will cover the basics of plant breeding and walk you through the techniques used to create new or improved varieties of vegetables and woody ornamental plants. The subjects of cross compatibility, hand pollination, selection and stabilization will be covered.

Instructor: Dr. Bryan Connolly is an assistant professor of biology at Framingham State University and President of the New England Botanical Club. His previous professional roles include being Massachusetts State Botanist for the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program and volunteer coordinator for the Invasive Plant Atlas of New England through the New England Wild Flower Society. He has authored The Vascular Plants of Massachusetts: A County Checklist, First Revision, Breeding Organic Vegetables: A Step-by-Step Guide for Growers, and The Wisdom of Plant Heritage the Northeast Organic Farming Association’s handbook on small-scale seed production. Bryan, together with his wife Diane Dorfer, own Cobblestone Farm CSA in Mansfield Center, CT, where they grow heirloom and open-pollinated crops for market and seed saving.

AMG Credit Available for CMGA Symposium
Certified Master Gardeners can receive two (2) AMG class credits for the CT Master Gardener Association annual symposium, to be held on March 18, 2017 in New London. Information and registration details will be available at http://www.ctmga.org/

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F17/15 LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVES AND ATTRACTING POLLINATORS

Want to know more about attracting pollinators, using native plants in your garden design, avoiding the struggle with invasives, and decreasing your lawn size? Join Carolyn Summers as she answers these questions and guides us through ways to create flourishing habitats that encourage the presence of indigenous species of plants and animals, helping to make our landscapes sustainable.

Instructor: Carolyn Summers is an experienced native plant landscape designer. Throughout her career, Carolyn has been acutely aware of the need for clients, DIY homeowners, and designers to be able to see how lovely native plants are when used in garden settings. The diversity and sustainability of our native flora is highlighted at Flying Trillium Garden and Preserves in New York, which features the ongoing work of this author, teacher, and landscape designer. She is the author of Designing Gardens with Flora of the American East. Summers is a graduate of the Landscape Architecture program at CCNY. Check out her website at: www.flyingtrillium.com/team-view/carolyn-summers

S17/04 COASTAL CERTIFICATE: SOUND GARDENING, SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING FOR CLEAN WATERS

Class Limit: 35. You must confirm that space is available BEFORE registering by contacting Jude Hsiang at judith.hsiang@uconn.edu

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 about ways to landscape more sustainably. In a time when climate change is taking on increasing significance, the Coastal Certificate Program will address how and why the transition to sustainable landscapes is not just a good idea, but a global environmental imperative.

The Coastal Certificate 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 specifically to spreading the word about sustainable landscaping through projects, educational materials, and other creative ideas.

In addition to covering coastal environmental issues, the Coastal Certificate program will feature speakers that address exciting ways to reduce or rethink lawns, create plant habitats that attract birds and pollinating insects, design for sustainability using native plants, and share tools and resources for effective outreach. The field trip will relate to class topics and be local to the workshop location.

Participants must attend all classes and complete 10 hours of approved outreach activities to receive the Coastal Certificate. Reading resources will be provided. Those enrolled will receive 6 AMG credits upon completion.

Instructor and coordinator: 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, as well as in environmental management from The Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Judy is also a Certified Master Gardener and Master Composter through UConn Extension and an Accredited Organic Land Care Professional through the Northeast Organic Farming Association. For more information about the Coastal Certificate program, contact Judy at 860-395-0465 or 860-405-9303, or judy.preston@uconn.edu.
**S17/23 GET A JUMP ON YOUR SPRING VEGETABLE GARDEN**

Cold weather vegetable gardening and harvesting are not new concepts – they did it in Europe as early as the 17th century. So why should we modern gardeners wait until August to pick our first tomatoes? With a little planning, we can pick them in June. There are also about 30 vegetables that are very comfortable in the cold – they actually like cold weather BETTER. So why not grow them first while you’re waiting to transplant your warm weather crops? Better yet... why not do BOTH?! From selecting cultivars, growing from seed (vs transplants), protecting young plants until the last frost date passes to incorporating inter-planting and succession planting, this class will help gardeners get a serious jump start on the season.

**Instructor: Kathy Ruzek** is a Certified Advanced Master Gardener, a landscape professional, and a part-time local retail nursery associate. Her areas of interest are winter vegetable gardening, Brugmansia (Angel Trumpets), and shade perennials. She has been vegetable gardening since 1976.

**S17/02 RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE / STORMWISE**

Master Gardeners are familiar with the motto “right plant, right place” for our gardens. We can also learn from and apply the best forest management practices to our smaller-scale yards and woodlands. Jeff Ward and foresters from a number of agencies established the “Stormwise” project following recent catastrophic storm events in Connecticut. This forest vegetation management program’s goal is to reduce the risk of tree-related storm damage to power lines. By creating healthy, storm-resistant and aesthetically pleasing trees and forests through proper long-term management practices, it is hoped that future storms will have less devastating impact. Let’s bring that knowledge home.

**Instructor: Jeffrey Ward, PhD** is chief scientist of the Department of Forestry and Horticulture at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and has expertise in identification and life histories of native trees and shrubs, forest management, invasive shrub control, plantation establishment, and forest nursery operation. He is knowledgeable about the natural history of Connecticut, landscape maintenance, and methods of reducing deer browse damage.

**S17/12 FLEETING BEAUTY: SPRING WILDFLOWERS AND EPHEMERALS IN THE NORTHEAST**

Early-season plants herald the coming of a new season. To do this, spring ephemerals and other spring wildflowers all share unique adaptations to their lifecycles. This workshop explores those adaptations and takes a close look at the plant communities in which they thrive. After an informative lecture, the class will take a guided woodland walk to discuss the plant communities where these plants live and why these beloved plants are so special in the garden.

**Instructor: Ulrich Lorimer** is curator of native plants at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. A graduate of the University of Delaware Plant Science Department, he has nurtured a lifelong passion for native woodlands and their plant communities. He teaches classes at Brooklyn Botanic Garden and the New York Botanical Garden, and is a regular presenter at horticultural conferences and symposia.
**S17/06 RASPBERRY CULTIVATION**

Raspberries are relatively easy to grow and with proper care can produce fruit for a very long time. This hands-on workshop will begin in the classroom where proper care and feeding techniques of raspberries will be reviewed. The second hour is hands-on in the farm’s raspberry patch working with the raspberry plants preparing them for the growing season.

*Instructor: Mary Concklin* is the fruit crops Integrated Pest Management (IPM) coordinator in the Plant Science Department at the University of Connecticut. Mary is responsible for the development and implementation of the fruit IPM program in Connecticut. The goal is to provide fruit growers with the scientific tools and knowledge to manage pests using the least amount of pesticides on the crops that they grow, while still achieving high yields and quality. Mary also conducts applied research, particularly related to plant health and its relationship to pest management as well as alternative (non-chemical) methods of pest management.

**S17/20 COMPOSTING WITH WORMS**

Composting with worms, or vermicomposting, is an easy way to compost in a small space. Learn about this method of composting. Recycle your vegetable waste indoors in a compact, odorless, low-maintenance manner. Use the compost in your garden, container plants, or house plants. A demonstration worm compost bin will be included as part of the presentation.

*Instructor: Gail Kalison Reynolds,* Middlesex County UConn Master Gardener coordinator and Master Composter, retired from a long career in information technology. She holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in biology and terrestrial ecology from Yale University and five information security certifications.

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S17/16 TERRARIUMS AND YOU

When you always yearned to host houseplants, but failed – this lecture will come to the rescue. With the aid of a terrarium, you can host nature almost anywhere – in your parched apartment or your dim office cubicle. In addition, terrariums can be the ideal venue to bring nature into children’s lives. These “small worlds” introduce beauty, botany, whimsy, sophistication, and sparkle into any decor, and are also surprisingly inexpensive. Not only will Tovah share all sorts of recycling ideas for enlisting everything from vases to cake stands, fishbowls, lemonade pitchers, cookie jars, etc. for growing plants and showcasing nature, but recommendations for plant selection, care, and maintenance will be shared.

**Instructor: Tovah Martin** is a perennial, heirloom, vegetable and cottage gardener of fanatical proportions, and is accredited with the Northeast Organic Farming Association as an Organic Land Care Professional. The Unexpected Houseplant, The New Terrarium, and The Indestructible Houseplant, are her newest publications, adding to more than a dozen others. Her articles appear in a broad range of magazines and periodicals. She is a frequent guest on the PBS series Cultivating Life, and a repeat guest on the CBS Sunday Early Show. Tovah received The Garden Club of America’s medal for outstanding literary achievement in 2010. In 2013, she received the Gustav Mehlquist Award -- the highest honor bestowed by the Connecticut Horticultural Society.

Check out Tovah’s website at www.tovahmartin.com

S17/19 HERBES: OUR ANCIENT RELATIONSHIP WITH PLANTS MADE MODERN

As modern gardeners, we pride ourselves on the colorful ornamental plants we readily find at our local nurseries. All summer, we mulch, prune, spray, pinch and pick off squishy bugs and yank out weeds. Our winters are spent with diagrams and dreams as we plan how to rearrange the garden beds. We agonize over every single plant. We wage war daily. Yet the simple herb garden stops us in our tracks. We read and read, attend lectures, leaf through catalogs, find special herb growers on line ... and we don’t put in that herb bed. Or we try to, and it fails. Why is that? Herbs are not showy; they fail to meet our color standards. They are not picky, but we try to coddle them. Lacking showy blooms, we try to simply recognize them by sight- and here’s where we cheat ourselves: herbs ask to be stroked, inhaled, experienced on the tongue, relaxed with as a cup of hot "tea" or enjoyed with friends in a rich sauce. They aren’t just "pretty ornaments" - they are full-blown, complicated beings. The topic of our discussion is meeting your herb garden in relationship to the plants themselves. We will learn from them. This is no hocus-pocus. Relationship is how we live every day. As gardeners, our herb garden is just that: a relationship with our plants.

**Instructor: Carole Barber** is a UConn Master Gardener and an Accredited Organic Land Care Professional through NOFA. She is the proprietor of Herb Garden Naturals, making handcrafted skincare products from natural and organic materials. Her company is best known for her handcrafted soaps available in local stores and online. Carole’s specialized areas of study also include native plants, soils and insects. She has worked professionally managing a retail greenhouse at Van Wilgen’s Garden Center and also in garden maintenance. She keeps bees and manages her five-acre property as a special ecosystem.
**S17/07 EXPLORING THE WORLD OF HERBAL TEAS**

Explore the world of herbal teas through tasting and discussing the nutritional benefits of these flavorful plants. If you have a favorite tea cup please bring it to class.

**Instructor: Judith Dreyer, MS, BSN**, is a Master Gardener and teacher with more than 20 years experience developing workshops and classes, speaking and writing about holistic health, edible and medicinal plants, dreams and more. She has degrees in nursing and nutrition science and has taught holistic health studies and nutrition science at both university and college levels. Judith has traveled a wheel of diverse learning and experiences.

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**S17/22 PUT ON YOUR GARDEN GLOVES AND START WRITING!**

Are your hands dirty? Do you love plants? Do your friends and family roll their eyes when you start to talk about your garden? You might have what it takes to be a garden writer! Sharing our wealth of knowledge with others is what Master Gardeners do, and taking that service a step further with writing is an extension of our commitment to our communities and the environment.

Becoming a garden writer is easy if you know where to start. The session will include guidance on breaking into the field, what to write about, gaining confidence in your writing, gaining exposure, and expanding into paid freelance work, if desired. Students should bring paper and pen for writing exercises. Class will include handouts.

**Instructor: Toni Leland** is a Master Gardener who has been writing for more than 25 years. As a freelancer, she writes feature articles for magazines, including Grit, Country Living, Connecticut Lifestyles, Pathfinders, Connecticut Family, and Connecticut Horse. Toni writes about a variety of subjects, but gardening and nature are her top choices; she also maintains two blogs: Manuscript Musings with Toni Leland and Toni Leland’s Garden Gate. She is the author of 10 equestrian mysteries, a young adult novel, two gardening books, and a photographic history book.

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**S17/21 ETHNOBOTANY**

Learn about ethnobotany (how people use plants); how the indigenous knowledge of local plants is very rich, and how the information is being lost as cultures are rapidly changing.

Professor Lizarralde will cover general ethnobotany and how indigenous peoples of southern New England used plants. He will bring his JetBoil and make some teas of different plants for people to test (e.g., sassafras and spicebush).

**Instructor: Manuel Lizarralde**, a Connecticut College professor with a dual appointment in environmental studies and botany, grapples with questions of people and the environment on a daily basis. A native of Venezuela, Lizarralde has focused much of his work on the relation of indigenous Latin Americans to the environment, including the types of areas they inhabit and their use of plants. Professor Lizarralde has three degrees in anthropology from the University of California Berkeley.
**S17/25 GROW YOUR OWN MEADOW, LARGE OR SMALL**

Meadows are a way to replace lawn, improve pollinator habitat, and beautify the landscape - but what is a meadow? Is it a lawn gone feral or a perennial bed gone wild? Or is it something else altogether? In this talk, landscape designer Kathy Connolly will explore the definition of a meadow, examine the roles of grasses and flowers, and suggest steps you can take to start or improve your own meadow. She'll also discuss common causes of failed attempts at meadow-making, how meadows differ from other “no-mow” and “low-mow” approaches to the landscape, sources of seeds, plants, tools, and the role of soil. An extensive resource list is included.

**Instructor: 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 Northeast Organic Farming Association -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.

Since classes may be added on an ongoing basis, be sure to check the UConn Extension Master Gardener website often at [http://mastergardener.uconn.edu/](http://mastergardener.uconn.edu/) for additional classes.
May – June

**S17/13 IDENTIFYING WILD AND NATIVE GRASSES**

*Class limit: 18 Please register early to be ensured a seat.*

Grasses, sedges, and rushes are all around us but, due to their lack of showy flowers and supposed difficulty of identification, are often ignored. Yet they have a singular beauty and can be identified with relative ease once you know a few key characteristics. Lauren Brown, author of *Grasses: An Identification Guide*, will lecture on grass anatomy and identification, and then guide participants through an interactive grass identification clinic.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own samples to class, along with a hand lens and a copy of Ms. Brown’s book, published by Houghton Mifflin. If possible, bring samples of entire plants, with roots attached.

**Instructor: Lauren Brown**, author of *Grasses: An Identification Guide*, *is a well-known botanist, author, and illustrator in southern New England.*

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**S17/18 BEHIND THE SCENES AT A FLOWER FARM:**

*(aka GROW YOUR OWN BOUQUETS)*

Come along for a ride through a year at a flower farm and let flower farmer and Advanced Master Gardener Evelyn Lee share a wealth of tips that are certain to help your flower gardens and bring a bounty of bouquets to your home. A colorful PowerPoint presentation highlights valuable cultural and harvesting information as well as recommendations for varieties to add to your landscape or dedicated cutting garden. It’s easy to harvest a bouquet a week.

**Instructor: Evelyn Lee**, flower farmer and floral designer at her specialty cut flower farm - Butternut Gardens in Southport – is a CT Northeast Organic Farming Association Accredited Organic Land Care Professional. Her farm is a certified Bee-Friendly Farm. Evelyn grows just shy of 45,000 flowers a year for wholesale, retail, weddings and events. She received a certificate in gardening from New York Botanical Garden, was trained as a Master Gardener in Connecticut, and earned a masters in environmental studies from Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Evelyn combines her lifelong love of gardening and growing flowers with an environmentally sensitive approach to achieve beautiful natural-looking garden-inspired floral designs.

**S17/28 WEEDS FOR YOUR NEEDS**

*Class Limit: 35. You must confirm that space is available BEFORE registering by contacting Deb Lee at deborah.2.lee@uconn.edu*

Ever wonder if any of the “weeds” taking over your gardens and lawn could be used for anything besides compost? What else could they be good for? Come for a weed “walk & talk” with herbalist Pam Brundage and find out. Stroll around the gardens, fields and trails at the Windham County Extension Center and hear about the uses of some of our most common plants and the folklore associated with them.

**Instructor: Pam Brundage** has had a long-time love of our local weeds. Since the 1970’s she has studied with a number of herbalists, taken conventional (and not so conventional) courses in botany, taxonomy, mycology, and environmental education. In addition to giving classes on herbs in Connecticut’s Quiet Corner, Pam makes herbal skin and health care products and is a licensed massage therapist.

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**Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

1:00 - 3:00 PM
Fairfield County Extension Center
Hours Earned: 2

**FEE:**
- $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
- $40.00 Master Gardener

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Apr. 25 2017

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

Noon - 2:00 PM
Windham County Extension Center
Hours Earned: 2

**FEE:**
- $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
- $40.00 Master Gardener

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** May 3, 2017

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**Friday, June 2, 2017**

10:00 AM - Noon
Bartlett Arboretum, Stamford
Hours Earned: 2

**FEE:**
- $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
- $40.00 Master Gardener

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** May 20, 2017
**S17/08 CATCHING THE BUG**

In this hands-on workshop you will learn how to conduct a systematic and scientific collection of various types of terrestrial insects. This workshop will focus on the techniques used in capturing insects in short- and tall-grass areas as well as forested zones. Participants will learn about a variety of collection techniques, including but not limited to: sweep and aerial net collections, pit fall traps, tree traps and suspended traps. This workshop will involve working in a variety of habitats where exposure to stinging insects and ticks may be possible; all participants should wear appropriate clothing.

**Instructor: Dr. Kirsten Martin** first discovered her passion for environmental studies while exploring the woods and streams behind her childhood home. Kirsten earned her BS degree in wildlife management from the University of New Hampshire, her MS in environmental education from Southern Oregon University, and her PhD in environmental studies from Antioch University New England. When not in the classroom, she can usually be found slogging through riparian areas, or paddling up rivers in search of her favorite research subjects, dragonflies. Currently, she is studying how nymphal dragonfly behavior is influenced by environmental change.

**S17/05 IDENTIFYING WILDFLOWERS WITH KEYS**

Wildflowers are often identified by flower form and color. Other useful characters are leaf form, growth pattern, and habitat where they naturally grow. In this hands-on class we'll primarily use Newcomb's Wildflower Guide to identify live specimens. Other guides and sources will be discussed briefly. Specimens will be provided. Conditions permitting, we might go outside to try our hand at identifying in the field. Bring a hand lens or magnifying glass and, if you have one, a copy of Newcomb's or another field guide.

**Instructor: Susan H. Munger** was Master Gardener Coordinator for New London County for 10 years ending December 2016. She lives in New London and is interested in landscaping with native plants and in botanical history. She is author of Common to This Country: Botanical Discoveries of Lewis and Clark.

**S17/09 ARTHROPOD ACUPUNCTURE AND ID**

The focus of this workshop will be on exploration of the various orders of commonly found New England insects. Participants will learn how to recognize distinguishing features of each insect order, and some insect families. You will learn how to properly label and pin your insect specimens for display or for a scientific collection. (If you would like to bring your insects home, there is a separate $4.00 fee for the mounting blocks. This fee is paid directly to the instructor at time of the class).

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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
Attn: AMG/Master Classes
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 Center 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

Nothing cancels a great class more quickly than everyone waiting until the last minute to register. Classes are filled on a “first come, first served” basis. If enrollment is insufficient classes are cancelled one week prior to the start date and a credit will be issued. Calling will not resurrect the cancelled class, so please register early! 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 number 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 deducted to process the credit. Credit vouchers will be sent by email whenever possible.

Walk-in registrations can be taken only if there is room in the class; late registrants should check with the sponsoring coordinator before the class to determine availability. If you are not registered, we cannot notify you of any changes in time or location.

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 toward 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).
Registration

UCONN GARDEN MASTER CLASSES SPRING 2017

(Please print)

Name ___________________________________________ Day Phone _________________________________

Street Address ___________________________________________ Evening Phone __________________________

City/Town State Zip Code ___________________________________________

E-mail address ___________________________________________

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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 (S17/XX), title and cost. Mail your completed registration and payment to:

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