

# Invite a Master Gardener



## Introducing a new Speakers Bureau

**Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia** are happy to share their knowledge of many basic gardening topics with local community organizations in Arlington and Alexandria. We offer programs for civic associations, condominium organizations, neighborhood groups, garden clubs, church groups, schools, children's centers, scout troops, and other local groups.

Our speakers draw on their own local gardening experience, as well as the latest horticultural information. Master Gardeners are trained and certified by Virginia Cooperative Extension, our sponsor.

Invite a Master Gardener to talk to your group by contacting:

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### The Master Gardener Speakers Bureau offers these programs year-round:

**Bodywise gardening.** How to prepare for garden activities, use tools and pesticides safely, and reduce garden maintenance chores.

**Composting.** How to recycle your fall leaves, grass clippings, and garden and kitchen waste to enrich your soil. It helps your plants and saves space in our landfills.

**Container gardening.** How to grow flowers, herbs, or vegetables successfully even in small spaces, such as a balcony, patio, or deck.

**Lawn care.** How and when to seed, fertilize, mow, and water your lawn to maintain healthy, weed-free turf.

**Organic vegetable gardening.** How and why to adopt environmentally friendly organic practices and reap the harvest of your own vegetables.

**Note:** We request at least six weeks' notice to prepare a presentation suited to your group. We focus on venues in Arlington and Alexandria. We do not charge a fee, but we gratefully accept donations in support of our programs. Contributions are tax-deductible.