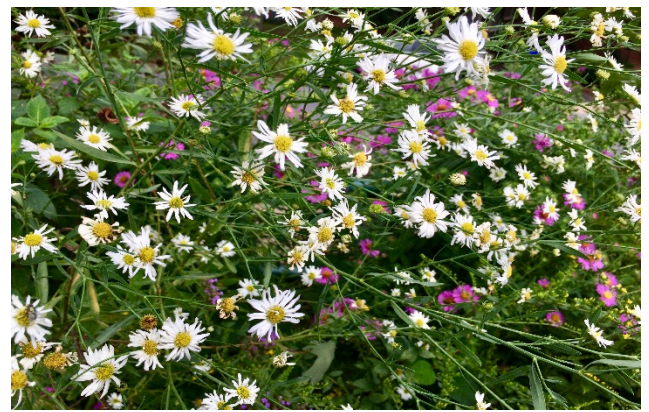


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September 2019 ♦ FREE Public Education Programs ♦ Arlington/Alexandria

Good Gardens All Start With Good Soil

Saturday, September 7, 11 am–Noon, Glencarlyn Library Community Garden, 300 S. Kensington St., Arlington 22204. Healthy soil is the foundation for a healthy garden and essential to our planet's food web. Tour our garden with an Extension Master Gardener (EMG) to learn about the elements of good soil and practical ways you can care for your own soil.

Fall Lawn Care and Turf Alternatives

Saturday, September 7, 10am–Noon, Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington 22206, OR Thursday, September 12, 6:30pm–8:30pm, Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22304. Fall is the ideal time to restore cool-season grass. Learn how to improve your lawn and soil and steps for controlling weeds while reducing the impact on our native wildlife. Alternatives to turf grass and techniques to reduce the size of your lawn are also presented.

Simpson Gardens Stroll

Tuesday, September 10, 10 am–11 am, Simpson Park Gardens, 420 E. Monroe St., Alexandria 22301. Stroll through Simpson Gardens with EMGs as they describe the gardens' variety of demonstration beds that combine sustainable gardening practices with appealing aesthetics.

Organic Vegetable Garden Pepper Fest!

Saturday, September 14, 1 pm–4 pm, Organic Vegetable Garden at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Rd., Arlington 22207. Come see and taste the many kinds of peppers that we grow! EMGs teach you about growing peppers and other beloved summer crops, composting, soil care, seed selection, protecting crops from insects and animals, and ideas for the Fall garden.

****Check out our Plant Clinics! Arlington Central Library Plant Clinic** is open from 6:45–8:45 pm every Wednesday through October 23 and is located in the East Lobby of the Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. **Arlington Farmers Market Plant Clinic**, is open Saturday mornings from 8–11 am through September 28, is located at N. 14th St. and N. Courthouse Rd. **Del Ray Farmers Market Plant Clinic**, located at 203 E. Oxford Ave, Alexandria is open from 8:30–11:00 am through September 28. **Alexandria Farmers Market Plant Clinic**, located at 301 King St., Alexandria, operates from 7:00–9:30 am through September 28. **NEW! Beatley Library Plant Clinic** now open at 5005 Duke St, Alexandria on alternate Tuesday evenings; September 10 & 24 from 7pm–8:30 pm.

Glencarlyn Library Community Garden AutumnFest

Sunday, September 15, 10 am–3 pm, Glencarlyn Branch Library Community Garden, 300 S. Kensington St., Arlington 22204. Come to a lively celebration of fall, herbs and nature. Enjoy three presentations: "Grow Your Own Herbal Teas," at 11 am, "Succulents for Small Spaces," at 12 noon, "Container Gardening Made Simple," at 1 pm. We'll offer plants perfect for fall planting, autumnal décor, shopping, garden advice, food, and more!

Edible Oasis: Permaculture Ideas for Small Yards

Saturday, September 21, 10am–Noon, Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Alexandria 22206. Basic permaculture concepts and designs will let you transform your small urban yard into your own mini-food forest and make the most of your efforts. We'll tour the nascent food forest that EMGs are developing in the Fairlington Teaching Garden.

Landscaping Techniques & Native Plants for Wet Sites

Monday, September 23, 7–8:30 pm, Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Rd., Arlington 22205. Come learn about landscaping techniques, appropriate native plants, and local resources to help you address the effects of soggy conditions in your yard.

Simpson Park Gardens Fall Open House

Sunday, September 29, 1–3 pm, Simpson Park Gardens, 420 E. Monroe St., Alexandria 22301. Visit the colorful newly renovated gardens and learn techniques for deadheading plants, and interesting container gardening ideas. Learn about free home gardening public education programs. EMGs will answer your questions on native plants, trees and shrubs, pollinator plants, sustainable gardening practices, and more!

The **Extension Master Gardener Help Desk** operates year-round. We welcome your garden-related questions, including those related to plant and insect identification. We operate from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays at the VCE office, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington 22206. Contact us at **703-228-6414** or mgarlalex@gmail.com, or drop by. It's best to call before you come to make sure we're available.

Also check out the resources on our **website, MGNV.ORG**. You'll find a *Quick Guide for Gardeners in Northern Virginia*, and an extensive compilation of *Tried and True Native Plants for the Mid-Atlantic Area*.

Don't miss the **Wednesday Night Garden Talks** at the **Arlington Central Library, 7 pm, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington 22201. Free. No registration necessary.** Presented with the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

All Classes are FREE. Pre-registration requested at MGNV.ORG.

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