

**Western Massachusetts Master Gardener Association  
2019 Training Class  
Curriculum/Instructor Sequence  
Tentative Schedule as of September 6, 2018**

Week	Date	Day	Session	Instructor	Instructor Information
	Jan 3	Thur	Orientation	WMMGA	Master Gardeners, WMMGA
1	Jan 9	Wed	Welcome to the Intern Training Program <b><i>Bringing Nature Home</i></b> - discussion	Discussion Leaders	Master Gardeners, WMMGA
			Botany 1 - Basic	Jimmy Grogan	Conservatory Curator, The Botanic Garden of Smith College WMMGA
2	Jan 16	Wed	Botany 2 – including hands-on activity	Jimmy Grogan	Conservatory Curator, The Botanic Garden of Smith College WMMGA
			Botany 3 – including indoor plants	Jimmy Grogan	
3	Jan 23	Wed	Plant ID	Dan Jaffe	Propagator & Stock Bed Grower, Garden in the Woods- Botanic Garden, New England Wild Flower Society
			Plant Propagation	Dan Jaffe	
4	Jan 30	Wed	Soil Health and Composting	Bob Rafka	Ph.D. Chemist, Rhode Island Master Gardener and Master Composter
			Plant Nutrition & Fertilizers	Dawn Pettinelli	Assistant Extension Educator, UConn Home & Garden Center and Soil Nutrient Analysis Lab, WMMGA
5	Feb 6	Wed	Entomology	Nate Sperry	MS Entomology, Naturalist and Horticulture Instructor, Westfield Technical Academy
			IPM	Nate Sperry	
6	Feb 13	Wed	Controlling Pests Safely WMMGA Pesticide Policy	Natalia Clifton Jean O'Neil	UMass Extension, Pesticide Education Program Ph.D. Ecologist, WMMGA
			Plant Diseases	Nicholas Brazee	Ph.D. UMass Extension, Plant Pathology
7	Feb 20	Wed	WMMGA Teaching and Volunteering	Curriculum Committee Volunteer Coordinator	Master Gardeners, WMMGA
			The Vegetable Garden	Carla Shafer	Foursquare Garden, Grow Food Northampton B.S. International Agriculture, Cornell University
8	Feb 27	Wed	Lawn Care	Jen Werner	Assistant Professor, Landscape Design and Management Department, Springfield Technical Community College
			Landscape Design	Owen Wormser	Landscape Designer (Abound Designs), Co-founder of Local Harmony
9	Mar 6	Wed	Woody Ornamentals	TBD	
			Herbaceous Plants	David Burdick	Ph.D. Educator, Horticulture Certification Program at Berkshire Botanical Gardens; Grower of Daffodils and More
10	Mar 13	Wed	Native Plants & Pollinators	Dan Jaffe (see above)	Co-author: <b><i>Native Plants for New England Gardens</i></b>
			Weeds	Michael Nadeau	Wholistic Land Care, Accredited Organic Land Care Consultant; Certified Arborist
11	Mar 20	Wed	Tree Fruit	Ben Clark	Co-owner, Clarkdale Fruit Farm
			Backyard Fruit	Sonia Schloemann	UMass Extension Fruit Specialist

12	Mar 27	Wed	Invasive Plants & Insects	Jennifer Forman-Orth	Ph.D. Environmental Biologist, Crop and Pest Services, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources
			Garden Wildlife	Jean O'Neil	Ph.D. Ecologist, WMMGA
13	Apr 1	Mon	Pruning Ornamental Plants	Andrew Young and Walker Korby	The Whole Tree, Young: ISA Certified Arborist Korby: Adjunct Professor, Greenfield Community College
14	Apr 9	Tues	Diagnosing Plant Problems Troubleshooting Annuals & Perennials	Ron Kujawski	Ph.D. UMass Extension Nursery Specialist (Retired) Co-author: <b><i>Week-by-Week Vegetable Gardener's Handbook</i></b>
			Resilient Gardening/Climate Change	Connor Stedman	AppleSeed Permaculture Landscaping and Design Agroforester, Ecological Designer, Wilderness Educator
	Apr 10	Wed	Snow Day 1		
15	Apr 17	Wed	Exam Review/Snow Day 2	Curriculum Committee	
16	Apr 24	Wed	Final Exam	Curriculum Committee	