

To Plant a Garden Is To Believe in Tomorrow



The Western Massachusetts Master Gardener Association's
VIRTUAL WINTER GARDENING WEBINARS

Jan 16 – Feb 6, 2021

2:00 – 3:30 PM

WMMGA is offering 4 gardening webinars over 4 Saturdays beginning January 16th, 2021. Starting at 2:00 PM on each of those Saturdays, these interactive classes via GoToWebinar will cover vegetable garden seed selection; composting; insect identification and control; and garden design using native plants to better support pollinators.

Cost: \$35.00 for the entire series. Attending these classes "live" will allow registrants to ask questions of the speakers, but if you can't "attend" any class when it's being presented live, recordings of all of webinars will be available to paid participants through June, 2021.

SCHEDULE

January 16: A Pathway from Seed to Garden: Getting Ready for Spring Planting

Presenter: Ron Kujawski

A successful vegetable garden depends on many factors and many steps. Ron will take you through the first crucial steps, including: tips for seed selection, jargon used in catalogs to describe seeds, starting seeds indoors, garden soil preparation, and direct seeding and transplanting.

January 23: Composting for Sustainability - What It Is, What It's Good For and How to Make It

Presenter: George Kingston

Compost is a natural fertilizer produced by recycling food and plant waste. When you compost instead of discarding, you reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce your reliance on artificial fertilizers. Learn how to make compost in many different ways that fit everything from an apartment to a farm, and how to use what you make.

January 30: Squish This, Not That! A Fun Bug Guide

Presenter: Ken Conway

A practical and fun guide to bugs to make sure that you don't squish the good guys. Ken will go over some common insects that are accidentally killed because they "look" bad; fun ways to attract predators to eat the "bad" bugs, with ways to attract "good" bugs; and some non-toxic methods to control insects using organic and natural sprays. Take a look at the vast diversity of insects that are commonly found in the garden if you look closely enough. Learn some common stages of insect development, since many insects look quite different at different stages! You'll come away with a better understanding of the little buggers.

February 6: Designing With Native Plants to Attract & Support Pollinators

Presenter: Larri Cochran

Whether you're creating a new garden, or updating an existing one, learn how to add native plants to all your settings! Native plants play critical roles as host plants for butterflies as well as vital food sources for endangered bees. We'll discuss garden design basics, plant selection & habitat requirements, and bloom cycles for two dozen native plants to ensure your gardens flower from early Spring to late Fall.



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Attendees will need a reliable Internet connection and a device to connect to GoToWebinar such as a desktop computer, laptop, tablet, or smart phone.

Registration form – The cost is **\$35** for the entire 4-webinar series.

Register online (extra service fee applies) at WMMGA.ORG or by mail using the form below.

Send mailed registrations to:

Cindy Sanford, 707 River Rd, Agawam MA 01001. *Please make checks payable to WMMGA.*

Your registration entitles you to all four of our webinars, which can also be viewed at your leisure until June 30th, 2021. Your link to join the webinars will be sent to you during the week before the class airs. Each person who will be participating using their own device will need to register.

Name _____

Email address _____

Town _____ State _____ Phone _____

Each person who will be joining the webinars separately from their own device will also need to register. Please provide their names and email addresses below.

\$35/login X _____ # of attendees on their own device = _____

I would like to make an additional donation to support the work of the Western MA Master Gardener Association. _____

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For more information, go to wmmga.org or contact Cindy at cindyagawam@comcast.net or 413-348-5112.