

## Master Gardener 'House Calls'

Do you have gardening problems in your home landscape that you cannot solve? Would you like a 'House Call' from certified Master Gardeners to talk about your lawn or garden?

First, identify specific issues in your home landscape then arrange for a House Call. Master Gardeners are certified by NCSU Extension Services and are experienced gardeners. A House Calls team will accompany you on a one-hour tour of your garden to observe, assess and answer questions. They will examine your lawn and gardens for problems you may or may not see.

After the visit, you will receive a detailed report on the team's observations and suggestions on how to achieve your goals for your landscape.

A \$50 donation is requested payable to BCMGVA, but any level of contribution is appreciated. All proceeds go directly toward the maintenance and enhancement of the Brunswick County Botanical Garden in Bolivia, NC.

We can help you in these ways:

- \* Identifying existing plants in your landscape;
- \* Lawn care plans;
- \* Suggestions for new plants and planting;
- \* Watering and mulching assessments;
- \* Completing soil sample submission info;
- \* Review of BCMGVA Gardening by the Month.

For more information about all the programs listed in this brochure, please contact Tom Woods, Volunteer Coordinator, at 910-253-2610 or email [tom\\_woods@ncsu.edu](mailto:tom_woods@ncsu.edu). Tom can schedule a House Call, pre-register you for the Native Plant Fair and register you for A Day in the Yard class.

## Master Gardener 2017 Plant Sales

In 2017 we are offering three different plant sales:

### **Spring Plant Sale** **April 21-22**

A wide selection of shrubs and flowers suited to growing in our Zone 8 will be offered. This is a popular sale and often customers are waiting for the gates to open.

### **Native Plant Fair and Sale** **May 19-20**

With the continued popularity and demand for Native Plants, we are offering an opportunity to learn about and purchase Native Plants. To attend the Native Plant Seminar you must pre-register.

### **Fall Online Plant Sale** **For 3 weeks starting at the end of August**

Starting late in August, customers may place orders for shrubs, trees and flowers online at [www.BCMGVA.org](http://www.BCMGVA.org). Plants will be picked up on a date to be determined in September.

For more information about each plant sale please visit our plant sale website at [www.BCMGVA.org](http://www.BCMGVA.org). Sign up at the bottom of the homepage for plant sale alerts and be the first to know.

All plant sales and pickups are located at the Brunswick Government Complex in Bolivia, NC. The plant sales area is located in the gravel parking lot behind Building N, 25 Referendum Drive.

## 'A Day in the Yard' Classes

These very popular lessons provide the basic knowledge needed to maintain a yard and garden in our coastal plains of North Carolina. Cost is \$75.00 and includes six - 2 1/2 hour segments. Classes are taught by certified Master Gardeners.

The topics for the six segments are:

1. Soil and Fertilization
2. Lawns and Irrigation
3. Woody Ornamentals and Pruning
4. Annuals, Bulbs and Perennials
5. Insects and Diseases
6. Vegetables and Fruits

### **Bolivia Coop. Extension Office:**

Mondays 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. starting Feb. 6.  
Mondays 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. starting Oct. 2.

### **Margaret & James Harper Jr. Library, Southport:**

Mondays 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. starting Feb. 6.  
Mondays 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. starting Sept. 11.

### **Hickman Crossroads Library, Calabash:**

Wednesdays 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. starting Jan. 4.  
Wednesdays 9:30 - 12:00 a.m. starting Sept. 6.

### **Leland Library:**

Thursdays 9:30 a.m. starting Feb. 9.  
Thursdays 9:30 a.m. starting Sept. 7.



## Become a Master Gardener

Master Gardener Volunteers work with the NC Cooperative Extension to provide the public with unbiased, research-based information on gardens, lawns and landscapes.

Under the guidance of Cooperative Extension agents, volunteers complete a 40-hour training program, pass an examination, and complete a 40-hour internship. To remain active in the program, volunteers must log a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service each year.

Brunswick County Master Gardeners can be found volunteering in a variety of ways:

- \* Answering questions at Farmers Markets;
- \* Planning and managing Plant Sales;
- \* Making 'House Calls' to homeowners;
- \* Teaching 'A Day in the Yard' classes;
- \* Serving as a Docent or Tour Guide for community groups visiting Brunswick County Botanical Gardens;
- \* Helping 6th graders learn 'Hands on Horticulture';
- \* Propagating plants for a community project;
- \* Planting with the Edible Landscape Team;
- \* Pruning with the Rose Garden Team;
- \* Planning with the Children's Garden Team;
- \* Planting in a Rain Garden; or
- \* Working with Juvenile Restitution programs.

The 2017 Master Gardener Class begins Sept. 5th and meets each Tuesday and Thursday for ten weeks from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

A limited number of applicants are accepted each year. To apply, contact Sam Marshall, Extension Horticulture Agent, email [wsmarsh2@ncsu.edu](mailto:wsmarsh2@ncsu.edu); or call 910-253-2610.

## BCMGVA Mission Statement

The purpose of the Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association (BCMGVA) shall be as follows:

To supplement and maintain the educational opportunities provided to Master Gardeners, thus enhancing their knowledge, expertise, and skills in delivering educational assistance to gardeners through the consumer horticulture program efforts of the Cooperative Extension Service in Brunswick County;

To enhance friendships and promote a spirit of good fellowship among its members. It shall be the goal of BCMGVA to continue to improve the quality of the Extension Master Gardener Program and to increase the expertise of the BCMGVA members;

To strive to ensure a knowledgeable and experienced source of volunteers that can be utilized to complete projects under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Agents in the execution of their responsibilities.

### To learn more about Extension Master Gardener Volunteers visit these websites:

*NC Extension Gardening*  
<http://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/>

*Brunswick County Master Gardeners*  
<http://www.bcmastergardenerva.org/>

*Plant Sale Website*  
<http://www.bcmgva.org/>



**Extension Master Gardener Volunteer  
NC Cooperative Extension  
Brunswick County**

## 2017 Community Calendar of Events

**Plant Sale Dates**

**'House Call' visits**

**'A Day in the Yard' classes**

**How to Become an Extension  
Master Gardener Volunteer**

**Brunswick County Master Gardener  
Volunteer Association Mission**