#### Master Gardener 'House Calls'

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

After you have identified specific issues in your home landscape, call to schedule a 'House Call' and a team of certified Master Gardeners will accompany you on a one-hour tour of your lawn and garden to observe, assess and answer questions such as:

- Identification of existing plants in your landscape
- Lawn care plan
- Suggestions for new plants and planting instructions
- Watering and mulching assessments
- Instructions on completing a soil sample submission
- Review of BCMGVA Gardening by the Month

A nominal donation of \$60 is requested. All proceeds go directly into the maintenance and enhancement of the Brunswick County Botanical Garden. To schedule an appointment starting in **March**, contact Tom Woods, Volunteer Coordinator, tom\_woods@ncsu.edu; 910-253-2610

#### **Master Gardener Plant Sales**

In 2018 we will continue our tradition and hold three unique plant sales.

# • Spring Plant Sale April 12 &14, 9AM-3PM Closed Apr. 13

A wide selection of flowers and shrubs suited to grow in our zone 8 will be offered. This is a popular sale and often customers are waiting for the gates to open. Friday will be re-stock day for selected plants.

### Native Plant Sale & Seminar May 18 & 19

Sale 11AM-4PM; Seminar 8:30AM

In response to the growing interest in Native Plants that are habitat beneficial and bird friendly, we are hosting our Native Plant Sale and Native Plant Seminar.

# Fall Online Plant Sale August 27 - September 12

We are bringing back the original Master Gardener Online Plant Sale with plants we personally select for the Coastal Carolinas.

Visit our plant sale website, <a href="https://www.BCMGVA.org">www.BCMGVA.org</a> for more information about each sale.

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 government complex in Bolivia; The sales area is located 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 plain of North Carolina. The cost is \$85.00 and includes seven – 2 ½ hour segments.

The topics for the 7 segments are:

- Soil and Fertilization
- Lawns and Irrigation
- Woody Ornamentals and Pruning
- Annuals, Bulbs & Perennials
- Insects, Diseases, Pesticides
- Vegetables & Fruits
- Native Plants in the Landscape

#### Mondays, Sept. 3rd

Classes from 9-11:30 AM Oak Island Rec. Center

#### Wednesdays, Sept. 5th

Classes from 9:30 – 12 noon Calabash Library

#### Thursdays, Sept. 6th

Classes from 9:30 – 12 noon Leland Library

#### Thursdays, Sept. 6th

Classes from 1:30- 4 PM Southport Library

To register for classes, contact Tom Woods, Volunteer Coordinator, tom\_woods@ncsu.edu;910-253-2610

#### **Become a Master Gardener Volunteer**

BC Extension Master Gardener volunteers work with NC Extension to provide gardeners with unbiased, research-based information on gardens, lawns and landscapes.

Under the guidance of 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 and 10 hours of continuing education each year.

BC Extension Master Gardener can be found volunteering at Farmers Markets, offering Plant Sales, working with Juvenile Restitution and school horticultural programs, making 'House Call' visits and teaching 'A Day in the Yard' classes.

Seventy-three counties in NC offer the Extension Master Gardener program and there are currently over 4,000 active Extension Master Gardener volunteers.

## 2018 Master Gardener Classes October 2 – November 20

Classes meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 9AM – 12PM. Schedule includes 'rain dates'

A limited number of applicants are accepted. To apply, contact Sam Marshall, Horticultural Ext Agent, wsmarsh2@ncsu.edu; 910-253-2610.

#### **Mission Statement**

The Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association is an association of Master Gardeners in Brunswick County, North Carolina. The association aims to supplement the educational opportunities provided to Master Gardeners, thus enhancing their knowledge and expertise, to enhance friendships and promote a spirit of good fellowship among its members, and to ensure that there is a knowledgeable and experienced source of volunteers who can complete projects under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Agents.

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#### Learn more about us

NC Extension Gardening <a href="http://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/">http://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/</a>

BC Master Gardener Volunteers <a href="http://www.bcmastergardenerva.org/">http://www.bcmastergardenerva.org/</a>

Plant Sale Website http://www.bcmgva.org/



Brunswick County
Volunteer Association

# 2018 Community Calendar of Events

**Plant Sales** 

'House Call' visits

'A Day in the Yard' classes

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