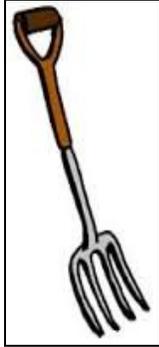




2016 Extension Master Gardener Spring Lecture Series



FORKS ON FRIDAY

(where garden forks meet dinner forks)

Bring your lunch and learn gardening

12:00 Noon — 1:00pm, Fridays

Forsyth County Cooperative Extension

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Please register by email at

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February 19 Plan and Plant a Spring Vegetable Garden Come and learn the best time to plan and plant what you would like to grow this spring. Learn about options for protection from late frost. Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, Wallace Williamson will lead the program.

February 26 Growing Blueberries Find out how to grow blueberries successfully and have a good yield. Preparing the soil, needed amendments like fertilizer, how many shrubs you need, pruning and harvesting are all to be discussed with this program. Small Farms and Local Foods Extension Agent, Mary Jac Brennan will lead the program.

March 4 Lawn Care Learn how to make your lawn the envy of the neighborhood. Find out the basics of lawn care in the spring and other seasons by looking at your lawn from a technical perspective of proper cultural practices such as fertilizing, liming, seeding, and mowing. Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, Toby Bost will lead the program.

March 11 Low Maintenance Gardening Learn all the steps to help reduce the maintenance in your home landscape. We will take a look at various low maintenance plants and lots of tips for reducing the time you need to spend on maintaining your landscape. Extension Agent, Wendi Hartup, will lead the program and discussion.

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March 18 Developing a Butterfly Garden Learn how to develop a butterfly garden in your yard. Invite some fascinating and colorful winged friends to visit the plants you are growing. Find out what plants these winged friends prefer and how to culturally take care of them. Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, Harriet McCarthy will present the program.

April 1 Shade Gardening with Native Plants Biologists and other scientists consider invasion by exotic plants to be one of the most serious problems facing native plant and wildlife populations in the US. Join this program to take a look at native plants for the shade garden. Learn how adding native plants to the shade landscape will help attract a diversity of wildlife. Natives are also usually easier to grow since they are well adapted to our climate and soils. Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, Sheilah Lombardo will present the program.

April 8 Drought Tolerant Plants Find out the critical points that will lead to a wonderful landscape for your home by incorporating more drought tolerant perennials and annuals in your gardens. Learn the basics from site preparation, plant selection and planting techniques, to maintenance and more. Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, Wallace Williamson will present the program.

April 15 Container Gardening with Flowers, Herbs, and Vegetables Container gardens are options for people with limited garden space. Containers are mobile and can be moved to different locations to give a splash of color in a special place. Find out which plants grow well in containers and what kind of containers work best. Planting and caring for planted containers will be discussed. Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, Ann Williams will present the program.

April 22 Beginning Vegetable Gardening Vegetables are never better than when they are home grown! Discover how to start your first vegetable garden. Discussion will include finding the right location, how to take a soil test, improving your soil and which are the easiest vegetables to grow. Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, Ann Williams will present the program.

April 29 Growing Amazing Tomatoes Nothing tastes better than a homegrown vine ripe tomato. Learn best techniques including soil preparation, planting, fertilizing, pruning, staking, and variety selection. Both heirloom and hybrid varieties that do well here in the Piedmont will be discussed. Preventing and treating common tomato diseases and insects will also be included in the program. Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, Wallace Williamson will present the program.

May 6 Easy Care Annuals Find out about some wonderful annuals that are easy to care for in the landscape. You will get tips on adding many different low maintenance plants to the landscape. Learn the basics of site preparation of the flower bed, plant selection, planting techniques, maintenance, and more. Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, Carol Hart will present the program.