



# The Colonial Master Gardener

March  
2015

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VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY SUE LIDDELL

Some of our programs have weathered the winter. Pruning teams have been out, and a few therapeutic gardening programs that meet year round have been active. The plant sale team has been meeting, preparing for the biggest sale ever. But for the most part our activities begin this month. Landscape Love calls start after a record breaking load last year. School programs resume with Kari Abbott's E2 team looking forward to presenting a program at the International Master Gardener Conference in September.

All MG programs have one thing in common—volunteers who are current in their dues and all required forms. As of this writing there are forty-three MGs who will not be able to participate in any project because of noncompliance in one or more areas. Of particular concern is any MG who has not seen the PowerPoint presentation on risk management and completed the required form. Noncompliance could hurt the whole MG organization. A few years ago each project chair was asked to evaluate risk management for his/her particular project.

Following is the list I suggested for tree stewards who are active in inventory, reforestation, and presentations, including pruning demonstrations:

1. Never go on a project alone.
2. Give only Virginia Cooperative Extension information.
3. Wear appropriate clothing to avoid insect bites and scratches from bushes.
4. Wear appropriate shoes for walking around the property, and watch for hazards that may cause you to fall.



5. Park your vehicle in a safe place, where you are not in the way of other vehicles and are not in danger of getting stuck.
6. Assess the danger from any animals present.
7. Assess the danger from dead limbs overhead, especially on windy days.
8. Be careful when carrying equipment and using tools that you do not injure yourself or program participants.
9. Be sure you can identify any poison ivy, poison sumac and poison oak.
10. Carry a first aid kit in the car.
11. When setting up equipment indoors don't create a hazard with electrical cords.
12. Don't stand on chairs or makeshift ladders to extend your reach.

Each MG project has its risks and rules. If we all follow the rules the risks may be eliminated. Make life easy for your project chair. Get to meetings on time, listen to and follow instructions, and allow time to enjoy the company of your MG friends.

## MARTY MEARS, BY HOPE YELICH

My classmate from the MG Class of 2014, Martha Mears, passed away suddenly on February 12 at age seventy-nine.

Please read more about Marty, including additional photos, on page 8.

She's shown here (second from right) with fellow interns—now MGs— Susan Shoulet, Susan Bennett, Michelle Fitzgerald, Marty Oakes, Marty Mears, and Janet Smith.



2015  
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The MG Board meets on the third Friday of each month, at 9:30 am, at the James City County Health and Human Services Building, on Olde Towne Road.

The Board meetings are open to all Master Gardeners, and all are encouraged to attend.

## INTERNAL EDUCATION AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

BY KATHY BUSH

What a month we have had with snow and arctic blast temperatures! Having more time indoors allows us time to plan, dream, start seeds, and even make some “gardening resolutions.” Don’t we all want our gardens to be better this year than last year? Our March meeting will help us dream about colorful fields of bearded iris. Our guest speaker, Mike Lockett, is an expert in breeding reblooming bearded iris and herbaceous peonies. We will learn from his experience and new research, and we’ll enjoy the plant material he will bring for sale.

### Upcoming Events and Fieldtrips

**March 2015** (Due to weather, trip may be in second week of March. Information to follow.)  
**Field Trip to Norfolk Botanical Garden** for a guided tour to see camellias. Meet at Target at Marquis Shopping Center at 8am to carpool. Let Kate Wilhide know if you are planning to go so they won’t leave without you!  
[katewilhide@gmail.com](mailto:katewilhide@gmail.com)

**March 20** (Waynesboro) The Perennial Plant Diva at the **Shenandoah Valley Plant Symposium**. 8am—4pm. \$90 (lunch included) if registered before March 15, \$100 after. Information and registration at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ea35rzxk409da5ed&llr=nzdak9dab>

**March 21** (Freedom Park Interpretive Center), 10am. **Geology of Plants**. Retired geology professor Dr. Jerre Johnson will review the geologic history of the area and the processes that shaped its landscape and soils.

**March 28** (White Stone) Northern Neck Master Gardeners and VCE 22nd **Annual Gardening in the Northern Neck Seminar “What’s New and What’s Tried and True.”** This is currently SOLD OUT. Check [www.nnmg.org](http://www.nnmg.org) for additional information.

**April 10-12** (Colonial Williamsburg, Henning Auditorium) **Garden Symposium- Layers of the Living Landscape**. During CW’s 69th Garden Symposium, Rick Darke and Doug Tallamy, authors of *The Living Landscape*, share their expertise on using plants to create and maintain a layered landscape. Advance registration required. Call 1-800-603-0948.

**April 11** (Christopher Newport) The **18th Annual Gardening symposium at CNU**. 7:30am, program begins at 9:15. The theme will be “Great Gardens, Great Ideas,” with speakers Sharon Loving, Director of Horticulture at Longwood Gardens; Chris Strand,



Director Garden & Estate of Winterthur Museum, Patricia Brodowski, Director of Vegetable Gardens at Monticello. Registration available at <http://cnu.edu/gardening/> Our Colonial Triangle Chapter of the Herb Society of America will be selling herbs, along with other vendors.

**April 18** (Freedom Park Interpretive Center). 10am. Nancy Barnhart and a team of certified master naturalists will offer tips on attracting **Bluebirds in Our Gardens**. \$5 donation recommended.

**April 25** (Maymont, Richmond). 8am—4pm. **Herbs Galore & More**. Expert sessions and dozens of vendors. \$5 for Marketplace. <https://www.maymont.org/herbsgalore>

### Garden Trends for 2015 from the Garden Media Group:

- \* The color Marsala (think an earthy wine red or a brick red with some gray mixed in), the Pantone Color of the Year, will be big in the garden.
- \* Garden-tainment—your garden as entertainment—from outdoor room to outdoor kitchens and grills.
- \* Portable gardening with container gardens on wheels and mini-hydroponic systems.
- \* Bite-size and small plants—getting more plants in less space.
- \* Urban agriculture, including backyard flocks and herds.
- \* Meadow-like beds, native plants, and water-wise plants to attract pollinators.

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## ADMINISTRATION

BY DIANE HARE

The Board recently adopted the following administrative policy:

### **James City County/Williamsburg Master Gardener Association Standard Operating Procedures**

#### **Administrative Policies for Annual collection of Dues and any other Forms Required of the Membership As Adopted by the Board February 18, 2015**

As January 31st is the deadline to comply with all requirements of membership in our organization, we hereby adopt the following policies and timeline:

It is the responsibility of each member to determine that they are in good standing.

Membership status will be determined as of January 31st, and members with deficiencies in any requirement of membership will be dropped from our rolls.

We will advise membership, starting in October of the preceding year, that he/she must meet the requirements of membership on or before January 31st.

- Record volunteer hours
- Record education hours
- Pay their dues
- Complete any required forms

Mail-merge email to be sent out to the membership not later than November 30th, showing status for

- Payment of dues
- VMS hours recorded
- Compliance with required forms

Members without email shall be contacted via telephone or US mail.

Members who are dropped from the rolls as a result of failure to comply with membership requirements, may be reinstated upon

- Approval of the Board
- Compliance in all areas (see above)
- Payment of a \$10 late fee

### **NEWS FROM THE NEW KENT MASTER GARDENERS**

On Saturday, March 21, the New Kent Office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension will be holding a Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening Clinic from 10:00am—12:00pm. Master Gardeners and guests will talk about the advantages of gardening using raised beds, what it takes to have a successful vegetable garden, how to create a garden design, plus other vegetable gardening topics. A visit to Carole's Garden, the New Kent Demonstration Garden, follows the clinic. The location is the VCE office at 11809 New Kent Highway, Suite 1, New Kent, Va. To reserve your spot, please call the VCE office at 804-966-9645 or email [marci4@vt.edu](mailto:marci4@vt.edu).

It's that time of year again. Yes, it's time for TURF LOVE UNIVERSITY! To be held March 14, 8:30am—1:30pm at the James City County Recreation Center. Check the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details about this not-to-miss session.

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## IT'S TIME FOR THE 2015 FARMER'S MARKET

BY SALLY SISSEL



Welcome all to another season for Master Gardeners at the Williamsburg Farmers Market. We are continuing (as we did last year) to hold thirteen markets –from April 4 through the end of September.

As most of you know, we have two spaces in front of the CW Craft House every other Saturday from 7:30 until 11:30. I will begin scheduling volunteers for the first half of the market dates very soon and for the second half of the market dates in mid June. I am scheduling only for the Q&A table—the theme chairs schedule their own volunteers. I am counting on “veteran” market volunteers to return and will contact you if I don’t hear from you first! Those of you who have not been able to volunteer in previous years and, particularly, those who were interns last year would be most welcome to join us.

My goal is to have two “real” MGs at that table with two interns—so if you would be interested in helping (most of you know how much fun it really is!), please let me know all of the dates for which you would be available. Then I will sort out and send you a final schedule.

Dates will be: April 4, April 18, May 2, May 16, May 30, June 13, and June 27.

Special note to Interns: You all will be hearing about all the projects soon and will be able to sign up for the projects of your choice at your project fair. I will be out of town for the Projects Fair, but John Giffin, my co-chair, will be on hand to talk to each of you personally and to sign up any of you interested in participating in the Farmers Market project. I look forward to meeting and working with many of you during the summer.

## GROW IT & EAT IT! GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

BY PAT JANOT



Master Gardeners’ Incredible Edibles are presenting their fifth annual gardening symposium “Grow It & Eat It!” on Saturday, March 21, beginning at 8:45am at the James City Recreation Center on Longhill Road, rooms B and C. This is an opportunity for new and experienced gardeners to learn how to produce home-grown vegetables and herbs successfully. Come, bring a friend, enjoy free refreshments, and begin planning your garden early! You’ll hear MG speakers, experience hands-on demonstrations, get your questions answered, and see interesting displays. Pre-register for this FREE symposium at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) or at the JCC Extension office at 757-564-2170.

Speakers include Jerry Babski, speaking on Creating a Vegetable Garden; Art Gustafson and Michelle Fitzgerald, Composting for a Home Garden; and Barbara Floyd, Growing Vegetables in Containers. Several MGs will participate in a questions and answers session.

Demonstrations and displays include: Starting Vegetables from Seed; Gardening with Herbs; Vermiculture-Worm Composting; Barrels, Bins and Rain Barrels; Companion Planting and Insects; Build Your Own Rain Garden; Historic Triangle Community Garden; and gardening supplies from The Gardener’s Workshop. In addition, From Harvest to Table will offer recipes suggesting ways to use your produce along with yummy samples, great garden books, catalogues, and handouts to help every gardener be successful!

This symposium had its beginning with the development of the Historic Triangle Community Garden at the Golden Triangle building on Waller Mill Road. The development of the garden has continued over the last few years and offers members of the community 4’ by 6’ garden plots ready to plant, along with guidance from members of the Incredible Edibles throughout the growing season. Extra produce from the garden is donated to the FISH food bank located in the same building. Symposium participants will have an opportunity to join the garden for 2015. Master Gardeners will earn 2.5 hours for attending. For more information, see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

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## VIRGINIA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION CELEBRATED ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY BY ANGELA CINGALE



On February 14 Angela Cingale, Jeanne Millin, and Ailene Bartlett drove to Hanover to attend the February VMGA meeting. Angela's report follows.

In 1988, the first Advanced Master Gardener training was offered at the Virginia Tech Campus in Blacksburg. In 1989, Dr. Diane Relf, twenty-one Extension Agents having MG programs, and sixteen Master Gardeners representing every region of the state had a meeting. With 800 active Master Gardeners across Virginia, it was agreed that the program's growth had created opportunities that were difficult to take advantage of without some type of formal statewide organization.

The state association was born February 9, 1990, in the Hanover County Courthouse. In the excitement that followed, thirteen attendees joined and paid their dues on the spot. The directors represented every region of Virginia and most were long-time Master Gardeners and Advisory Board members. They were: Reggie Vaughan (Hanover), Diane Morris (Virginia Beach), Mayer Littman (Arlington), Cen Waters (Chesterfield), Rita Voke (Norfolk), Hank Haines (Charlottesville), Jim Crute (Henrico), Beryl Lemmon (Prince George), Aileen Bartlett (James City), David Lowry (Lynchburg), and Liz Montgomery (Extension Agent, Arlington).

"The Members of the State Advisory Board envisage the state association as a vehicle through which interested MGs can address consumer horticulture issues at the state level -- not as a tasking body which dictates activities and standards to MGs at the unit level. The Board felt that Master Gardeners and their agents know best what type of programs fit their communities and Board realized that some MGs prefer to focus their volunteer work at the community level, while others are interested in finding a broader field for their activities and to perform only an advisory role. This is because the Board felt that Extension, as the agency which created and which administers the Master Gardener Program, bears the final responsibility of establishing standards for the Virginia Master Gardener Program."

The Articles of Incorporation of the Virginia Master Gardener Association, Inc. are dated March 6, 1990. The State Corporation Commission accepted the Association as a Virginia Corporation and issued a Certificate of Incorporation on March 26, 1990. The incorporators were: Aileen Bartlett, James B. Crute, Hank Haines, Beryl Lemmon, Cen Waters, David McKissack, Mayer Littman, David Lowry, Diane Morris, Reggie Vaughan, Rita Voke, and Elizabeth Montgomery. The Registered Office was listed as: Horticulture Department, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va. The Association is registered as a non-profit organization organized exclusively for educational, scientific, and charitable purposes. At that time the Association had \$2,140 in its treasury, which represented \$10 membership fees from 214 members.

Our own Ailene Bartlett has been a Master Gardener since 1985. She was honored as one of VMGA's founding members with a certificate of appreciation. The honorees were asked to keep their remarks short about the beginning of the organization; so, she read a beautiful Bible quote from Proverbs 11:14 which states, "Where there is no guidance, the people fail. But in abundance of counselors there is victory." Her quotation recalled VMGA's birth as a state organization, which is still flourishing with over 600 members, fostering communication, educational opportunities, and fellowship among Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener volunteers.

(For the liaison report from State Master Gardener Coordinator Dave Close and Assistant State Master Gardener Coordinator John Freeborn, see the bottom of page 6.)

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## E2 NEWS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH AND MORE OF 2015

BY KARI ABBOTT

E2 was selected to present at the 2015 International Master Gardener College in Council Bluffs Iowa!!! "Experiential Environmental Education for Youth" will be given Thursday, September 24, at 3:45pm in Room J at the Mid-America Center. It is a bit of a thrill!!!

Cathy Hill and I will be presenting, and anyone who wants to come along is welcome to join us. There is a contingent attending from Virginia. Brent of Brent and Becky's will be a speaker, as well as Dave Close and John Freeborn. It is really neat; there are Virginia speakers in three of the four tracks offered. More information comes out the beginning of March, and I will share it with you.

In February the snow made life interesting. The snow prevented us from going to some schools. When we made it to school, the children learned how water and trees are used to make paper.

March is when the children start to learn about the animals we will see on the field trips in April and May. If any of you would like to volunteer for those field trips, we would love to have you come along. All field trips begin at 9:00am and end at 12:30pm.

- \* April 28 and 29 Matoaka Elementary will be at York River State Park.
- \* May 5 DJ Montague Elementary
- \* May 6 Mathew Whaley Elementary
- \* May 7 Clara Byrd Baker Elementary
- \* May 8 J Blaine Blayton Elementary



This year we are also doing a partnership with Therapeutic Gardening, and we will be taking our special education friends to York River State Park on May 27.

Look for E2 training for 2015 to be held in March on the 9th or 16th. I have asked for a reservation and will send out an email when it is confirmed. This would be a great time for any new people to join us: interns who want to learn about the Environmental Education (E2) Project, and everyone who is volunteering with us. We will do hands-on fun activities to help prepare you to volunteer.

Please email [bearsbaskets@cox.net](mailto:bearsbaskets@cox.net) if you would like to attend training, or join us in E2 if you would like to volunteer with school children.

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## STATE COORDINATOR'S LIAISON REPORT (DAVE CLOSE AND JOHN FREEBORN) as reported by Angela Cingale

WebEx – The first "meeting" in January was successful, with more than thirty attending. The next one is scheduled for March 19. These meetings are intended for agents, coordinators, and association leaders or leaders-to-be. The next session's topic will highlight the benefits of local EMG associations.

VCE Winter Conference – Coming up the first week of March. John and I will be leading a ninety-minute session on both the EMG program and consumer horticulture. We also had two posters accepted for a competition: one on the EMG program and one on the collaborative relationship we have with the Master Food Volunteer program.

District Directors Meeting – Last June we met with all four district directors, the senior district director, and Bobby Grisso simply to keep communications open administratively at their level. We will meet with them again on February 17 to keep those lines open and active. The ultimate goal and purpose is to maintain an active and effective line of communication from the State Coordinators office to the local unit offices, then to the volunteers. Involving the district directors in this is critically important.

Annual Report – We have collected reports from thirty-three units, and we put out a final call to the remaining twenty-nine.

Milestone Awards update – The call went out for lists of recipients, fourteen units have already responded. These are due by the first week in March.

EMG book revisions update – Most of the chapters have been reviewed and returned for the Coordinator Manual. We will provide a printed copy to each unit office; VMGA will help fund the printing costs; 80% of the chapters have been returned for the EMG Training Handbook, and we will soon be sending out for specialist review. Plans are still in place to have this ready for the fall 2015 training cycle.

## WILDFLOWER OF THE MONTH MARCH 2015

BY HELEN HAMILTON, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE  
JOHN CLAYTON CHAPTER, VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT  
SOCIETY

### SHADBUSH *Amelanchier canadensis*

The lacy white flowers of Shadbush are the first to break winter dormancy, signaling the arrival of spring. Early colonists noticed the tree blooming when the shad are running, hence one of its common names. The plant is also known as “serviceberry,” since the local ministers could visit winter-bound homes as the roads became passable, performing weddings and funerals and other services.

Shadbush is a multi-stemmed large shrub, reaching twenty–to twenty-five feet in height. With a native habitat of wet bogs and swamps, it grows best in full sun or light shade on moist, well-drained, acid soil. These plants will rarely require any pruning or fertilizing, except if thinning of the multiple stems is desired. Long-term health is usually not affected by pests.

In early spring, small white flowers are produced in dense, erect spikes, then opening to attractive reddish-purple buds which unfold into small rounded leaves, smooth and dark green. The flowers produce many small, sweet and juicy fruits, often well-hidden by the leaves, which would be popular with people, were they not so quickly consumed by birds and other wildlife.



**Photo:** Shadbush (*Amelanchier canadensis*) taken by Helen Hamilton

In autumn, Shadbush is alive with a variety of colorful hues, from yellow and gold to orange and deep red. This plant is striking when placed in a mixed shrubbery border where its brilliant white blooms and fall color stand out nicely against a background of evergreen shrubs. With an open crown, the tree is well-suited for planting as a specimen near the deck or patio.

For more information about native plants, visit [www.claytonvnps.org](http://www.claytonvnps.org)

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## THANK YOU, CATHY! FROM HOPE YELICH

I can't thank Cathy Lohwater enough for making this editorial transition as easy as it could be for me. She has generously given me valuable files, templates, and —most importantly—the benefit of her experience. As I look back at past editions of the newsletter, I'm amazed at her creativity and expertise (not to mention her longevity).

For those who don't already know me, I've been retired for two-and-a-half years after a happy thirty-four career as a reference librarian at William and Mary. My husband Nolan and I have four children and six grandchildren.

Everyone has been very kind, patient, and encouraging. I'm excited to take on this important job and to get to know even more of you as time goes by. I hope I can live up to the terrific example Cathy has set as editor.

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## RECOMMENDED DATES TO SOW SEEDS INDOORS FOR PLANTS HUZZAH!

BY CHERE' HARPER

Tomato: March 1	Cilantro: March 10
Pepper: March 1	Zinnia: March 5
Cucumber: March 5	Marigold: March 5
Melon: March 5	Calendula: March 5
Swiss Chard: March 1	Cosmos: March 5
Dill: March 10	Nasturtium: March 5
Basil: March 10	

This gives everything enough time to be up but not to get leggy, and perhaps a bit to harden off, if the weather cooperates.



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## REMEMBERING MARTY MEARS BY HOPE YELICH

It is a sad truth that we will say good-bye to many friends as the years go by. Still, I wasn't prepared for that to happen so suddenly to one of my MG classmates. Marty died just five weeks after becoming a Master Gardener, an accomplishment she relished with pride, enthusiasm, and her usual big smile. We miss you, Marty.



I wanted to share the attached pictures of her taken last March when B&B's interns cut bamboo for our grow boxes. As usual, she jumped right in to clean the bamboo...no easy job, but she laughed and said what she lacked in muscle, she 'made up for' in determination! We will miss her smile and her willingness to help in any way. I am grateful she was in our class; she was a very special lady.

—Mary Wool, MG Class of 2014

I felt that she was an inspiration to live every day to the fullest and do what you love. —Louann Martin, MG Class of 2014



Here she is cutting roots off cabbage.



Marty was a fixture at the Reid and Shields gardens. Here she joins other in looking at a book commemorating Pam Sisson's years as chair of the Shields garden.

She was an amazing inspiration. So cheerful, ready to dive in and help and learn. So gracious. She was a delight to know even for the short time I knew her.

— Karen Pfeifer, MG Class of 2014



Graduation Day, January 8, 2015, with Patti Lupton



## NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the April newsletter will be **Monday, March 23.**

Please send any submissions to Hope Yelich, newsletter editor, at [hopeyelich@gmail.com](mailto:hopeyelich@gmail.com).

## INTERESTING PHOTOS

Do you have a unique photo of interesting insects, trees, gardens, or hardscapes from your travels or in your neighborhood that you would like to share with our MG group? Send them with your name and a caption to me, Hope Yelich, at [hopeyelich@gmail.com](mailto:hopeyelich@gmail.com).

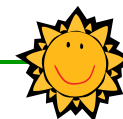
### **JCC/W Master Gardener Mission Statement**

*The purpose of the James City County/ Williamsburg Master Gardener is to learn, educate, and communicate environmentally sound horticultural practices to the community.*

*Trained by the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Master Gardener volunteers are committed to offering information to the public through sustainable landscape management educational programs.*

## Important Dates

- 3/5 Monthly Meeting @ WRL
- 3/? Field Trip to Norfolk Botanical Garden
- 3/14 What Is That Weed? Walk, Freedom Park
- 3/20 Shenandoah Valley Plant Symposium (sold out)
- 3/21 Grow It & Eat It! Garden Symposium
- 3/21 Geology of Plants
- 3/23 Newsletter Submissions Due
- 4/10-12 CW Garden Symposium
- 4/18 Bluebirds in Our Gardens, Freedom Park
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## SUNSHINE NOTES

In the past month the organization has sent cards to:

**Kathy Bush— Medical**  
**Michael Mears—Death of spouse Martha Mears**

The organization would like to send cards to members with difficult medical issues or who have experienced a death in the immediate family. Please provide names to the MG Secretary, Patsy McGrady, 258-1181, [patsymcgrady@cox.net](mailto:patsymcgrady@cox.net).

## ABOUT THE VIRGINIA MASTER GARDENERS AND VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Virginia Master Gardeners are volunteer educators who work within their communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management education and training. As an educational program of Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Master Gardeners bring the resources of Virginia's land-grant universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, to the people of the commonwealth.



# UNIVERSITY



*Spring Lawn  
Care*

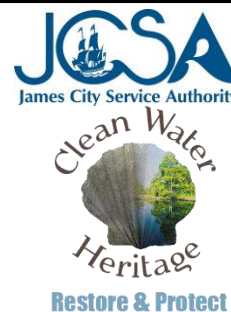
*Rain  
Gardens*

*Small Farm  
Pasture  
Management*

**Sat., March 14, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road**

- ✓ **How to Grow a Healthy, Attractive Lawn**
- ✓ **Turfgrass Selection**
- ✓ **What Are Rain Gardens**
- ✓ **Small Farm Pasture Techniques**



**Pre-registration required! Call Virginia Cooperative Extension at 564-2179 (leave name, phone, and number attending) See you there!**

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Sandra Kee (757-564-2170/TDD\*) during business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. \*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

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**GROW IT**



**& EAT IT!**

**A Seminar on Home Vegetable Gardening  
Presented by VCE JCC/W Master Gardeners**

**Saturday, March 21, 2015  
8:45-12:30 p.m.**

**Talks**

**Creating a Home Vegetable Garden  
Composting for the Home Gardener  
Growing Herbs & Vegetables in Containers**

**Hands-on Demonstrations**

**Starting Vegetables from Seed  
Gardening with Herbs  
Harvest to Table: Garden Recipes**

**Plus Compost Bins, Rain Barrels, Rain Gardens, Worm Composting,  
and a Help Desk for answering your gardening questions**

**NO COST — PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:  
“Eventbrite.com/ Grow It & Eat It”-or- Virginia Cooperative  
Extension 564-2170**

**James City County Recreation Center  
5301 Longhill Road-Rooms B & C**

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