Master Gardener Trainee
Training Schedule
Fridays, January, 7–April 22, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 12:45 p.m. 3:40 p.m.

1/7  Introductions
What is Extension? - Celia Hill, Lee County Extension Director
Introduction to Plant Classification – Stephen Brown, Horticulture Agent
Introduction to Plant Identification - Stephen Brown
Lunch
Shrub and Tree Identification; Native Plant Identification - Stephen Brown

1/14 Quiz (Plant identification will be included in all morning quizzes)
Lee County Volunteer Program, Kathy Cahill, Lee County Parks and Recreation
Soils, Fertilizers, and Mulches, Stephen Brown
Lunch
USDA Climatic Zones - Stephen Brown
What Makes Plant Grow - Cathy Feser, Collier County Extension
Field Exercise: Planting trees and shrubs, fertilization, mulching

1/21 Quiz
Insects and Mite Basic: Types and Feeding Methods – Fred Santana, Sarasota County Agent Emeritus
Garden Insects: Damage and Control – Fred Santana
Lunch
Insecticides - Peggy Cruz, Lee County Horticulture Specialist
Environmental Landscape Design – Patricia Porchey, Sarasota County Extension
Garden Walkabout: Plant and Pest Identification

1/28 Quiz
Fungi and Bacteria – Pamela Roberts, Southwest Florida Research and Education Center, Immokalee
Introduction to Some Common Ornamental Plant Diseases - Stephen Brown
Fungicide Recommendations – Peggy Cruz
Lunch
Insect Quiz
Nematodes – Kim Cooprider, Master Gardener
Garden Walkabout

2/4 Quiz
Types of Florida Lawns - Stephen Brown
Lawn Weeds - Barbara Meyer, Master Gardener
Herbicides for Weed Control - Peggy Cruz
Lunch
Fungi and Bacteria Quiz
Lawn Insects – TBA
Lawn Diseases – Stephen Brown

2/11 Quiz
Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (FYN) Gardening Principles - Tom Becker, FYN Agent
Identification of Exotic Invasive Plants - Tom Becker
Lunch
Walkabout: Identification of Native and Invasive Plants
2/18  Florida Citrus Varieties: Problems and Solutions (Immokalee REC) - Mongi Zekri, Area Citrus Agent
Lunch in Immokalee
Field Exercise: Diagnosing and Correcting Citrus Problems - Mongi Zekri

3/4  Quiz
Palm Identifications - Stephen Brown
Palm Problems and Solutions - Stephen Brown
Lunch
Citrus Exam
Problems with Urban Trees – Michael Weston, Florida Division of Forestry
Landscape Pitfalls – Maria D’Abreu, Hillsborough County Extension
Palm Walkabout

3/11  Quiz
Tree Pruning and Hedge Trimming – Ralph Mitchell, Charlotte County Extension Service
Plant Propagation – Dick Dutton, Master Gardener
Lunch
Master Gardener Activities – Master Gardeners Dave Bush, Warren Bush, Donna Cressman, Gayle Edwards, Bobbi Robertson, Nicole Ryan
Horticulture Desk Problems and Solutions, Peggy Cruz

3/18  Principles of Vegetable Gardening – Roy Beckford, Lee County Extension
Pests and Diseases in the Vegetable Garden – Gene McAVoy, Hendry County Extension
Lunch
Butterfly Gardening – Gayle Edward, Master Gardener
Rose Gardening – Debbie Hughes, Master Gardener
Tropical Fruits – Roy Beckford

3/25  Pesticide Use and Recommendations - Peggy Cruz and Stephen Brown
Pesticide Use and Recommendations Exam - Master Gardener Trainees
Lunch
Master Gardener Trainee Insect Presentations, Master Gardener Trainees

4/1  Oral Exams Begins - Master Gardener Trainees
Lunch
Oral Exams Concludes - Master Gardener Trainees

4/8  Plant Identification Final Exam - Master Gardener Trainees
Lunch
Final Written Exam - Master Gardener Trainees

4/15  1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Parade of Plants: Selected Plant Recommendations (Open to the Public) - All New Master Gardeners

4/22  10:00 a.m. – Noon
New Master Gardener Graduation