

Master Gardener Training Schedule February – May 2009

All classes are on Fridays, except where indicated, from
9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, 12:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- 2/27 Introductions
 Purpose of the Master Gardener Program
 Tour of facility
 Plant Climatic Zones – Stephen Brown, Master Gardener Coordinator
 Introduction to Plant Identification – Stephen Brown
 Lunch (noon – 12:45 p.m.)
 More on Plant Identification – Stephen Brown
 “Gardening and Invasives” Warren Bush, Joan Bush, Gayle Edwards, Master Gardeners
 Demonstration Gardens Walk-about (Terry Park)
 Lee County Volunteer Program, Kathy Cahill Parks and Recreation
- 3/6 Quiz (Plant identification will be included in most quizzes)
 Soils, Fertilizers and Plant Nutrition - Stephen Brown
 Lunch
 Landscape Suitable Coastal Plants (Sanibel locations) – Joy Hazell, Lee County Marine
 Agent and Holly Downing, Environmental Specialist, City of Sanibel
- 3/13 Quiz
 Plant Diseases and Disease Control – Stephen Brown
 Lunch
 Insect and Insecticides – Terry Wolfley, Master Gardener
 Insect Damage and Control – Doug Caldwell, Collier County Extension Agent
 Garden Walk-about
- 3/20 Quiz
 Florida Citrus Varieties: Problems and Solutions (Immokalee REC)
 Mongi Zekri, Area Citrus Agent and Robert Rouse, Citrus Specialist
 Lunch
 Citrus Field Exercise
- 3/26 Thursday
 Quiz
 Friendly Plants, Friendly Yard Principles (Rutenberg location) – Tom Becker, Lee County
 FYN Agent
 Lunch
 Friendly Plants and Yard Garden Tour – Tom Becker, Mary Ann Parson, FYN Program
 Assistant and John Sibley, Master Gardener
- 4/3 Quiz
 Trees – Stephen Brown
 Lunch
 Problems with Urban Trees – Michael Weston, Florida Department of Forestry
 Opportunities and Roadway Landscape Problems – Joe Sulack, Lee County Department of
 Transportation

- 4/10 Quiz
 Trouble Shooting – Peggy Cruz and Stephen Brown
 “Know Your Plants”- Dick McConville, Clif Parker, Otto Parisho, Kathy White,
 Master Gardeners (1/2 hour each)
 Lunch
 Condominium Walkabout
- 4/17 Quiz
 Vegetable Gardening – Terry Wolfley
 Vegetable Problems – Gene McAvoy, Hendry County Extension Agent
 Lunch
 Introduction to Tropical Fruits – Roy Beckford, Ag. & Natural Resource Agent
 Hedges – Barbara Meyer, Master Gardener
 Pruning Trees, Shrubs and Hedges – Ralph Mitchell, Charlotte County Extension Agent
- 4/24 Quiz
 Plant Propagation – Dick Dutton and Helen Novella, Master Gardeners
 Reasons and Basic of Budding and Grafting – Roy Beckford
 Lunch
 Weeds and Herbicide Mode of Action – Stephen Brown
 Some Available Herbicides – Peggy Cruz, Horticulture Specialist
- 5/1 Quiz
 Palm Identification and Problems – Stephen Brown
 Palm Garden Tour – Donna Cressman, Master Gardener
 Lunch
 Plumeria – Stephen Brown
 Roses – Debbie Hughes
 Plant Presentation Exams – Master Gardener Trainees
- 5/8 Edison-Ford Winter Estate Garden Tour and Rose Gardening – D. Hughes, M. Gardener
 Hibiscus – Hy Lans, Master Gardener
 Lunch
 Principles of Butterfly Gardening – Gayle Edwards
 Principles of Herb Gardening – Bobbi Robertson and Cindy DeKun, Master Gardeners
 Landscaping with Palms – Donna Cressman, Master Gardener
- 5/15 Plant Presentation Exams, Master Gardener Trainees
 Insect Presentation Exams, Master Gardener Trainees
 Lunch
 Insect Presentation Exams, Master Gardener Trainees
 Oral Exams, Master Gardener Trainees
- 5/22 Plant Identification Final Exam
 Pesticide Handling and Recommendations for Master Gardeners – Peggy Cruz
 Pesticide Handling for Master Gardeners Exam
 Lunch
 Final Exam
- 5/28 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 Parade of Plants: Selected Plant Recommendations (Open to the Public).
 All new Master Gardeners

