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
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<td><strong>Quiz</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Vegetable Gardening</strong> – Terry Wolfley&lt;br&gt;<strong>Vegetable Problems</strong> – Gene McAvoy, Hendry County Extension Agent&lt;br&gt;Lunch&lt;br&gt;<strong>Introduction to Tropical Fruits</strong> – Roy Beckford, Ag. &amp; Natural Resource Agent&lt;br&gt;<strong>Hedges</strong> – Barbara Meyer, Master Gardener&lt;br&gt;<strong>Pruning Trees, Shrubs and Hedges</strong> – Ralph Mitchell, Charlotte County Extension Agent</td>
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<td><strong>Quiz</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Palm Identification and Problems</strong> – Stephen Brown&lt;br&gt;<strong>Palm Garden Tour</strong> – Donna Cressman, Master Gardener&lt;br&gt;Lunch&lt;br&gt;<strong>Plumeria</strong> – Stephen Brown&lt;br&gt;<strong>Roses</strong> – Debbie Hughes&lt;br&gt;<strong>Plant Presentation Exams</strong> – Master Gardener Trainees</td>
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<td><strong>Edison-Ford Winter Estate Garden Tour and Rose Gardening</strong> – D. Hughes, M. Gardener&lt;br&gt;<strong>Hibiscus</strong> – Hy Lans, Master Gardener&lt;br&gt;Lunch&lt;br&gt;<strong>Principles of Butterfly Gardening</strong> – Gayle Edwards&lt;br&gt;<strong>Principles of Herb Gardening</strong> – Bobbi Robertson and Cindy DeKun, Master Gardeners&lt;br&gt;<strong>Landscaping with Palms</strong> – Donna Cressman, Master Gardener</td>
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<td><strong>Plant Identification Final Exam</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Pesticide Handling and Recommendations for Master Gardeners</strong> – Peggy Cruz&lt;br&gt;<strong>Pesticide Handling for Master Gardeners Exam</strong>&lt;br&gt;Lunch&lt;br&gt;<strong>Final Exam</strong></td>
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<td>5/28</td>
<td>1:00 – 4:00 p.m.&lt;br&gt;<strong>Parade of Plants: Selected Plant Recommendations</strong> (Open to the Public).&lt;br&gt;All new Master Gardeners</td>
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