

## Back by Popular Demand Master Gardener Continuing Education

The Four County Master Gardener Association is proud to offer an exciting variety of topics to help our fellow Master Gardeners begin the new gardening year, and fulfill their educational requirements. The training is similar to previous events held in Culpeper and Warrenton that attracted an average of 120 participants from 15 counties.

There will be three class periods, each about 90 minutes long. Participants are encouraged to make first, second, and third choices for each period. Five classes will be scheduled each period, and they will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. This event is open to all current, active Master Gardeners.

This year we will have boxed lunches available, or you may bring your own. The box lunch will offer a choice of vegetarian or turkey & cheese sandwich, two salads and a dessert for \$9.00. Bottled water will be provided everyone at no charge.

### Schedule

<b>8:15 - 8:45</b>	<b>Registration (Coffee &amp; Donuts)</b>
<b>8:45 - 9:00</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>9:00 - 10:30</b>	<b>Class Period 1</b>
<b>10:30 - 10:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:45 - 12:15</b>	<b>Class Period 2</b>
<b>12:15 - 1:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:15 - 2:45</b>	<b>Class Period 3</b>

### Topics and Speakers

**Karen Rexrode – Perennials, the Tried and True and Maybe New For You.** And a second topic: **Plant Explorers, Discovering new Plants.** Karen was the founder of Windy Hill Plant Farm, a Loudoun County nursery that specialized in cutting edge perennials, annuals and woodies. The nursery closed after 25

years, giving Karen time to garden, travel, write, lecture, and pursue photography. She was injured into the ArtBeat Gallery in Manassas in May of 2007, with her best photographic images available for sale in their gallery on Main Street.

**Andy Hankins – Biological Control of Insects in Vegetable Gardens.** Andy has served as Extension Specialist-Alternative Agriculture in Virginia since 1987. He is stationed at Virginia State University in Petersburg. He teaches production and marketing of non-traditional farm products and agricultural tourism.

**Robert Saunders – Boxwood, a Garden Classic.** Robert is Engineer and Sales Manager of Saunders Brothers, Inc. in Piney River, and former member of Board of Directors of Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association. Saunders Brothers is one of 30 nurseries chosen nationwide and internationally to introduce new plants on an annual basis to industry and the public.

**Bonnie Deahl – Insect & Mite Management in a Changing Climate.** Bonnie Deahl is a horticulturist and a Certified Arborist with The Care of Trees in Dulles. She owned an IPM business in the 90's and wrote a biweekly IPM scouting newsletter called *BUGBYTES*. She currently is sitting on the Mid Atlantic Board for the International Society of Arboriculture.

**John Peter Deahl – Pruning Woody Plants & Some Biology.** Peter is co-founder of The Pruning School in Warrenton also proprietor of Peter Deahl, Fine Pruning, L.L.C., a horticultural contractor providing commercial and residential pruning services of ornamental shrubs and trees. He teaches, lectures, and is an ISA certified Arborist.

## Registration Form Master Gardener Continuing Education

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice for each class period.

Class Period 1     Perennials Tried & True  
                            Biological Control -Veg  
                            Boxwoods  
                            Insect ID – New & Exotic  
                            Primary School Programs

Class Period 2     Biological Control - Veg  
                            Insect & Mite Mgmt.  
                            Pruning Woody Plants  
                            Plant Explorers  
                            Herbs

Class Period 3     Insect & Mite Mgmt.  
                            Pruning Woody Plants  
                            Herbs  
                            Garden Design  
                            Primary School Programs

**Return by Feb. 15, 2008 with \$20 check payable to Four County Master Gardener Association. Mail to Culpeper Extension Office, Attn: MG Training, 101 S. West Street Culpeper, VA 22701**

**For a Box Lunch, add \$9.00 and indicate \_\_\_\_\_Vegetarian or \_\_\_\_\_Turkey**

Confirmation letter with map to A. G. Richardson School will be mailed the last week of February.



**Donna Williamson – Low Maintenance Garden Design.** Donna is a master gardener, garden designer, and owner of Donna Williamson Fine Gardening. She has taught gardening and design classes at the State Arboretum of VA, at Oatlands, and at Shenandoah University. She is the founder and editor of *Grandiflora Mid-Atlantic Gardening* magazine. Donna has just completed **The Virginia Gardener’s Companion: An Insider’s Guide to Low-Maintenance Gardening in Virginia.**

**Peter Warren – Identification of New and Exotic Insects.** Peter is the Albermarle/Charlottesville Horticulture Extension Agent and MG Coordinator for 5 counties. He is also the Chapter Advisor for the Rivanna Master Naturalists. He has a M.S. in Entomology from VT, and joined the Virginia Cooperative Extension in 1998 as an IPM Extension Agent in Orange County.

**Jean Kane – School Gardens - Ready, Set, Grow and So Much More.** Jean became a Master Gardener in 1996, after retiring as a research chemist with USGS and NIST. In 1998 she helped introduce Ready Set Grow to Madison county elementary schools. She also initiated “Mr. McGregor’s Garden” for the Kindergartens in 2000 and “Underground Stems” to the second grade to support the SOLs. Jean taught Botany to Master Naturalist Trainees and writes a regular garden column for the Madison Eagle.

**Barbara Brouse – Herbs and How They Grow.**

Barbara has been a Master Gardener since 1989, first in PA, then FL, and now Virginia. She has been an active member of The Herb Society of America for 22 years, and is a founding member of the Hardy Plant Society. She has been growing and using Herbs for over 40 years, having taught in Pa and inspired the love of gardening in her children and now grandchildren.

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**March 8, 2008**

**A. G. Richardson School  
18370 Simms Dr.  
Culpeper, VA 22701  
(Snow date Sat. March 15)**

**Hosted By**

**Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Four County Master Gardener Association**

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