

2012 Calendar of Events



Friends of the
Horticulture
Farm

Master Gardener Hours:
EMG=V these events have been approved for
VOLUNTEER hours

EMG=E these events have been approved for
EDUCATIONAL hours

JANUARY

Jan 18, Wed 6 - 8pm
Vermont Coverts
Lisa Sausville From VT Coverts helps landowners maintain, enhance and create wildlife habitat on their private forestlands. Lisa and a surprise FHF member will discuss how and why YOU might get involved with VT Coverts to manage your land! \$10/\$20

Jan 25, Wed 6 - 8pm
Garden Design Ideas \$10/\$20
What makes a dynamic outdoor space? Kate Lalley will cover design principles, such as definition of edges, achieving balance, understanding scale and massing plants for effect. See some of the world's great gardens & designed landscapes.

FEBRUARY

Feb 4, Sat Noon - 3pm
Maintenance of Gardening Tools
Ben Crockett designed this workshop for those who want to learn about basic garden/hand tool care and maintenance. Bring a few of your own tools to practice (time permitting). Learn proper oiling, sharpening, and sanitizing techniques \$10/\$20.

Feb 11-13, Sat - Mon All Day
NOFA Conference, UVM Davis Center

Feb 18, Sat 10am - 1pm
Suburban Homesteading 101 \$10/\$20
In this introductory workshop, Tim King and Markey Read will share 10+ years of experience using their Williston property to grow vegetables, harvest berries, keep layer chickens, raise & harvest meat birds; keep honeybees and grow rice.

Feb 25, Sat 10am - Noon
"Complete Kitchen Garden Design"
Manchester, VT writer, Ellen Ogden, shares kitchen garden secrets and her new book! Learn to create a kitchen garden maze, design a kid's garden and more. Books will be available at this talk. Limit: 35 attendees. \$20/\$30

MARCH

Mar 10, Sat 11am - 12:30pm
UVM Greenhouse Facilities Tour
David Heleba takes you on a guided tour. Divided into 11 adjoining compartments, the greenhouses cover 8,000 square feet. They are for the use of faculty, staff, and students in teaching, research, and extension. *Limit: 15 attendees*
Located on the Main Campus; adjoining Jeffords Hall. \$10/\$20

Mar 24, Sat 9am - Noon
Crab Apple Pruning Workday
Mark Biercevicz, Crab Apple Curator, will explain and demonstrate proper pruning techniques. Bring pruning tools, gloves and loppers if you have them. We'll provide some too. **Free.**

APRIL

Apr 4, Wed 6 - 8pm
Farmer's Apprenticeship Program
Laura Williams and Susie Walsh Daloz describe and show slides about their highly successful first year training new farmers to plant, grow and run a CSA. This new 4-month Continuing Education program already has plans to expand their farm plot to 2 acres in summer '12. \$10/\$20

April 11, Wed 6 - 8pm
Vines and Wines: Viticulture for the Home Gardener
Learn about new opportunities for grape and wine production in Vermont and other cold, northern climates. Terry Bradshaw reviews horticultural needs, site design and varietal selections. \$10/\$20

FHF Event Fees:
Unless otherwise noted in event description

\$10 FHF Members & Master Gardeners
\$20 Non-Members
Neighbor Labor workdays are free.

April 14, Sat 9am - 5pm
New England Wildflower Symposium
Vermont Technical College, Randolph
** FHF co-sponsors this event.*

Apr 14, Sat 9am - Noon
Rose Pruning Workshop
Come learn proper pruning techniques of shrub Roses in the perennial gardens. Workshop will be lead by Brian Vaughan, VCH, Perennial Garden Curator. Bring a good pair of work gloves and pruning shears. **Free.**

Apr 14, Sat 1pm - 4pm
Perennial Garden "Wake Up"
Master Gardeners and volunteers needed to help Brian Vaughan, Perennial Garden Curator, "wake-up" the Perennial Garden. Come take part in spring clean-up of this fabulous collection in time for our May 19th Bloomtime Festival. Bring pruning shears/weeding tools. **Free.**

Apr 21, Sat 9am - 4pm
Lilacs 101
Jeff Young, Lilac Collection Curator reviews how to properly choose, plant, grow and prune this sweet smelling spring shrub. 9am - Noon is for pruning instruction, 12:30-3:30pm will be for hands on pruning practice. **Free.**

Apr 21, Sat 9am - 1pm
Collection & Facilities Workday
Many Master Gardeners and volunteers are needed to help cleanup and maintain various Hort Farm plant collections. **Free.**

Apr 28, Sat 8am - 4pm
Build A Rustic Cedar Fence
Brian Gluck of Vermont Rustic Cedar returns for an all day hands-on workshop. Build a small rustic cedar fence to take home. \$70/\$80 includes all materials. *Pre-registration required by email or phone. Full pre-payment must be received by Apr 15th. Limit: 16 attendees*

MAY

May 5, Sat 9am - Noon
Perennial Garden Maintenance
Master Gardeners and volunteers needed to help Brian Vaughan, Perennial Garden Curator, tidy up this fabulous garden in

time for our May 19th Bloom-Time Festival. Learn proper techniques for dividing perennials. Bring pruning shears and weeding tools if you have them. *Take home a free perennial plant!* **Free**

May 19, Sat 10am - 3pm

17th Annual Bloomtime Festival

Open to the public. Come awaken your senses to the scents of lilacs, flowering crabapples, magnolias and more! Perennials, lilacs and gardening books will be on sale. UVM Greenhouse and Common Ground will be on hand selling indoor and veggie starter plants.

May 23, Wed **EMG-E** 6 - 8 pm

Rhododendron Walk and Talk

Hal Bill/Ron Krupp offers a tour of the Hort. Farm's Rhododendrons and Eastern U.S. Native Azalea collections in bloom. These "Jewels in the Crown" are one of the best collections in New England. Event is rain or shine. **\$5/\$10**

JUNE

June 2, Sat **EMG-E** 10am - Noon

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June 2, Sat **EMG-E** 9am - 3pm

Lilac Pruning Techniques

Jeff Young, Lilac Collection Curator, offers proper pruning instruction from 9-10am. Then, 10am-3pm will be time for hands-on pruning practice. **Free.**

June 16, Sat **EMG-E** 10am - Noon

Care for Peonies & Tiarella

Two experts for the price of one! Dr. Leonard Perry from UVM Extension shares tips about how to properly care and maintain your luscious peony plants. Sinclair Adam, a former grad student of Leonard's and current owner of VOR nursery, has studied Tiarella for 20+ years and will share his knowledge about why certain varieties grow best in our zone(s). Bring your questions!

RSVP requested for all events:
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June 23, Sat 7 - 10am

Bird Walk w/ Bridget Butler: The Bird Diva

You have probably heard her Bird Show on VPR. Now, take a guided bird walk at the Hort. Farm with Bridget! Find out what bird species reside in our fields and woods. Find out what plants can draw certain species of birds to your yard. RSVP and pre-pay your fee early to secure a spot. Space is limited. Bring binoculars. **\$20/\$30**

July 14, Sat **EMG-V** 9am - Noon

Perennial Garden Maintenance Day

with Brian Vaughan, Perennial Garden Curator. Volunteers needed to help weed, deadhead and stake perennials. Bring pruning shears and weeding tools if you have them. Brian will review specific perennials in the garden, their uses and their cultural needs. **Free.**

July 28, Sat 9am - 2pm

Annual Plant Sale Set Up

Lots of volunteers needed to help receive truckloads of donated plants, set up tents and organize and price plants for Sunday's huge sale. Please call Stephanie Miner; Volunteer Coordinator, 863-1876 if you can help out.

July 29, Sun 10am - 3pm

Friends of Hort. Farm

17th Annual Plant Sale

Select from a wide variety of ornamental trees, shrubs, perennials and other plants donated by gardens and nurseries throughout Vermont. Don't miss the 9-10 am Members-Only Preview Sale. Join or renew your membership now!

AUGUST

Aug 8, Wed **EMG-E** 6 - 8 pm

Berry Bushes: canning & preservation

Marijke Niles from Perennial Gardens Plus shows how to grow the best crops of gooseberries, currants, raspberries, josta berries, blueberries and more. Learn methods for canning, drying, preserving, freezing. Taste samples of fruits she has grown. **\$10/\$20**

Aug 18, Sat 9am - Noon

Leaf Casting workshop: Come create natural objects to show off in your home or garden. Nancy Simson will show you how to make leaf castings using your

favorite large - leaved plants. **\$25/\$35**
Pre-registration required. Limit: 12 attendees.

Sept 12, Wed **EMG-E** 6 - 8 pm

Making Indoor Herb Garden Boxes

Sarah Salatino from Full Circle Gardens is back with creative ideas and supplies to help you plan your assorted indoor herb box garden for the winter months. Sarah will share her season-extending cultural practices. **\$10/\$20**

Sept 22, Sat 10am - 12:30pm

Out of Your Gourd

Learn about hard-shell gourds; tips on growing them and make a lasting gourd container or a birdhouse. Alice Trageser shares her expertise and provides gourds and art materials to do so. Try painting, staining, wood burning, decoupage, or reconstructing. *Pre-registration required.* Limit: 15 attendees. **\$30/\$40** includes gourd plus all materials.

Set 26, Wed **EMG-E** 6 - 8 pm

Grasses

Sid Bosworth will discuss grasses in pastures, lawns and newer grasses being evaluated for potential biomass energy and low input lawns. Participants will visit his biomass research plots at the Hort Farm as well. Wear boots. **\$10/\$20**

OCTOBER

Oct 13, Sat 12 noon - 3pm

Annual Members Meeting

FHF Members gather to review the current year's successes. Come hear about the latest on-site research. We urge you to attend with suggestions and input for the future. Refreshments served.

Oct 14, SUN **EMG-E** 10am - 1pm

Mushroom Walk & Talk

Join Robert Resnik and Stephanie Miner for a fun-filled walk and talk in the Hort. Farm woods followed by a lively discussion of your "finds". Bring a basket or a paper bag, no plastic please. **\$10/\$20**
Pre-registration required. Limit: 25 attendees.

Nov 7, Wed **EMG-E** 6 - 8pm

Stormwater Runoff: Treatment opportunities in urban residential landscapes.