# Growing the Green Way Class Series SPRING 2019

**Class Locations** :

- Cooperative Extension Office, 3309 Burlington Road, G'boro, NC 27405
- Glenn McNairy Branch Library, 4860 Lake Jeanette Road, G'boro 27455
- Greensboro Arboretum (Ed Center), 401 Ashland Drive, G'boro 27403
- Kathleen Clay Edwards Library, 1420 Price Park Road, G'boro, NC 27410

**** Programs are designed to be approximately one hour long, but may run slightly over depending on questions and discussion - which are encouraged!***

**CLASSES ARE FREE**

**Pre-Registration Is Requested**

To register for your choice of session and location:
http://go.ncsu.edu/growing_green_way
Call 336-641-2400
Or Email Lauren Taubert at:
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## PLANNING THE 3-SEASON VEGETABLE GARDEN

Vegetable gardening is especially rewarding in the Piedmont because we can grow food at least 10 months of the year! The key is good planning and succession planting. January is the perfect time to start getting ready; let's talk about the simple ways to get the most out of your personal planting space.

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| Tuesday, Jan 8th | 6:30 pm | Cooperative Extension |
| Thursday Jan. 10th | 6:30 pm | Glenn McNairy Branch Library |
| Monday, Jan. 14th | 6:30 pm | Kathleen Clay Edwards Library |
| Sunday, Jan. 20th | 4:00 pm | Greensboro Arboretum |

## PROPER PRUNING PREVENTS POOR PLANT PERFORMANCE

The art of pruning does not mean shearing shrubs into green meatballs (yikes!). Our discussion will cover the tools, techniques, and especially the timing for pruning small ornamental trees and shrubs. Doing it right (and only as needed) is the easy way to have healthier, prettier, and longer-lived plants. **Please Note: this program does not cover the specific pruning needs of fruit trees.**

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| Tuesday, Jan. 22nd | 6:30 pm | Cooperative Extension |
| Thursday, Jan. 24th | 6:30 pm | Glenn McNairy Branch Library |
| Sunday, Jan. 27th | 4:00 pm | Greensboro Arboretum |
| Monday, Jan. 28th | 6:30 pm | Kathleen Clay Edwards Library |

## TOTALLY TOMATOES—ALL ABOUT OUR FAVORITE FRUIT

It's time to start planning, that's the key to enjoying the taste of your own home-grown tomatoes. That's all we'll be talking about in this session – proven tips and techniques for successfully growing America's most popular garden vegetable (or is it a fruit?). Get ready for tomato sandwiches all summer long!

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| Tuesday, Feb. 5th | 6:30 pm | Cooperative Extension |
| Thursday, Feb. 7th | 6:30 pm | Glenn McNairy Branch Library |
| Sunday, Feb. 10th | 4:00 pm | Greensboro Arboretum |
| Wednesday, Feb. 13th | 6:30 pm | Kathleen Clay Edwards Library |

## BEAUTIFUL AND SUSTAINABLE LAWNS—A GREENER YARD

Have a sustainable lawn by knowing and using good growing practices all year, it will save you time and money as well as reduce environmental impact. Establish a healthy stand of grass with good planning and sensible management - you'll have a beautiful lawn and minimize issues with weeds and diseases.

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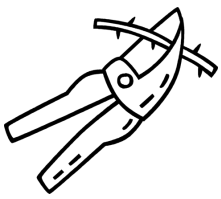
| Thursday, Feb. 14th | 6:30 pm | Glenn McNairy Branch Library |
| Monday, Feb. 18th | 6:30 pm | Kathleen Clay Edwards Library |
| Tuesday. Feb. 19th | 6:30 pm | Cooperative Extension |
| Sunday, Feb. 24th | 4:00 pm | Greensboro Arboretum |



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## GROW YOUR BEST VEGETABLE GARDEN

Learning and following best practices leads to best results in your vegetable garden. Topics will include how to prepare soil, the selection and timing of vegetable varieties, good upkeep, and using integrated pest management techniques to control insects and diseases organically. Growing your own food can be economical, educational, and fun!

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| Tuesday, Feb. 26th | 6:30 pm | Cooperative Extension |
| Thursday, Feb. 28th | 6:30 pm | Glenn McNairy Branch Library |
| Sunday, March 3rd | 4:00 pm | Greensboro Arboretum |
| Monday, March 4th | 6:30 pm | Kathleen Clay Edwards Library |

## MADE IN THE SHADE—GREAT GARDENS IN LOWER LIGHT

An abundance of large trees and shady areas in the yard is just a challenge to the creative gardener, not an obstacle. Gardening in the shade doesn't have to be frustrating! We'll discuss a variety of shrubs, annuals, perennials, and woodland plants that will brighten and add color to your shady retreat.

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| Tuesday, March 12th | 6:30 pm | Cooperative Extension |
| Thursday, March 14th | 6:30 pm | Glenn McNairy Branch Library |
| Sunday, March 17th | 4:00 pm | Greensboro Arboretum |
| Monday, March 18th | 6:30 pm | Kathleen Clay Edwards Library |

## BACKYARD HABITAT—GARDENING FOR (AND IN SPITE OF!) WILDLIFE

One of the many joys of gardening is the chance to observe and support nature. Birds, butterflies, and other creatures find needed habitat in our yards – this program is about how to make them welcome. We'll also talk about some ways to discourage a few of the uninvited guests who may sometimes come to the party.

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| Tuesday, March 26th | 6:30 pm | Cooperative Extension |
| Thursday, March 28th | 6:30 pm | Glenn McNairy Branch Library |
| Sunday, March 31st | 4:00 pm | Greensboro Arboretum |
| Monday, April 8th | 6:30 pm | Kathleen Clay Edwards Library |

## FLOWERPOT FOOD: GROW HERBS AND VEGETABLES IN CONTAINERS

If you have limited space, sun, or time - a set of containers can be a wonderfully productive garden space. Grow some of your own vegetables and herbs to eat better and also save on your food budget! We'll cover all the basics of the best ways to do it: with the right location, good timing, an easy plan, and a little tending.

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| Tuesday, April 9th | 6:30 pm | Cooperative Extension |
| Thursday, April 11th | 6:30 pm | Glenn McNairy Branch Library |
| Sunday, April 14th | 4:00 pm | Greensboro Arboretum |
| Wednesday, April 17th | 6:30 pm | Kathleen Clay Edwards Library |

## CULINARY HERBS

Eat healthier and tastier with home grown culinary herbs from your garden or containers! We can grow parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme – and the pizza herbs like basil and oregano – and many more. By knowing the characteristics of the plants, you can have fun growing the herbs you want to use in your kitchen.

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| Monday, April 22nd | 6:30 pm | Kathleen Clay Edwards Library |
| Tuesday, April 23rd | 6:30 pm | Cooperative Extension |
| Thursday, April 25th | 6:30 pm | Glenn McNairy Branch Library |
| Sunday, April 28th | 4:00 pm | Greensboro Arboretum |

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