

Classes will be held at the Chisago County Community Center  
(Maple Commons Senior Dining Center)  
*(Located at the corner of 6th and Maple Streets in North Branch)*

**Pre-registration for classes helps have enough materials for attendees!**

*Please note class dates and times inside this pamphlet.*

**You're sure to learn something no matter your level of expertise! Join us for our 2020 classes.**

**These classes are taught by University of MN Extension Master Gardener Volunteers or professionals in their fields. You will receive a packet of research-based fact sheets at each class.**

**And remember to bring all your gardening related questions with to all our classes. We always leave time for you to ask questions!**



**Be a Master Gardener**

The Master Gardener program was created in 1977 and is administered by the U of MN Extension. To be a Master Gardener you need to have an interest in gardening and a desire to share this with others.

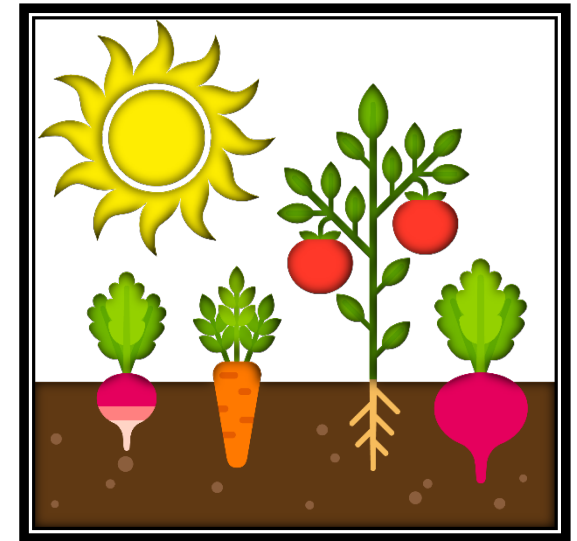
You must attend the Master Gardener Core Course, 48 hours of classroom instruction by University specialists, and complete an internship of 50 volunteer hours the first year. To continue as a Master Gardener, you must perform 25 hours of volunteer service each year through your local Extension office, plus 5 hours per year of continuing education.

Volunteer activities are education focused and include answering phone requests for gardening information, working with community groups, holding plant clinics, giving presentations, setting up horticultural displays, writing articles for local newspapers, and teaching classes. Master Gardeners may also function as resource individuals for horticultural questions in their local Extension offices.

**CHISAGO COUNTY PRE-INTERN PROGRAM:** This program requires interested persons to fulfill the following by Oct. 31 of the next year: Attend at least 3 monthly meetings, and volunteer 10 hours at 2-3 events of their choice which could include Spring Gardening Expo, Almelund Threshing Show, County Fair, Farmers Market, etc. Pre-Interns will always be assisted by a Master Gardener. They will spend a few minutes at either the October or November meeting to report to the group about their experience.

If these requirements are met, the CCMG will award the individual with a \$200.00 scholarship (\$100 paid out upon completion of the Core Course and \$100 paid out upon completion of first year (50 hours) as an intern) to be used to help reimburse cost for the Core Course.

# 2020 Garden Class Series



**CHISAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER**  
<https://local.extension.umn.edu/local/chisago>

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
**EXTENSION**

**PLEASE CIRCLE THE SESSIONS**  
**YOU WISH TO ATTEND**

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| Free | 1/21 | GROWING BLUEBERRIES         |
| Free | 2/18 | APPLE PESTS & DISEASES      |
| Free | 3/10 | PRUNING YOUR TREES & SHRUBS |
| Free | 3/24 | GROWING HERBS IN CONTAINERS |
| Free | 4/14 | THE DIRT ON DAHLIAS         |
| Free | 5/5  | GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHY          |

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| Name      |
| Address   |
| City, Zip |
| Phone     |
| E-mail    |

Send registrations to:  
 CCMG  
 38814 Third Ave.,  
 North Branch, MN 55056  
 651/277-0151

**RESERVE YOUR  
 SPOT EARLY!**

**1/21 Growing Blueberries**  
**(6:00-7:30 pm)**

*Dianne Patras-Smith, CCMG* Dianne will discuss blueberry varieties developed specially for our climate. She will also cover soil preparation, specifics of soil improvement, pruning, and care of new and established plants. Come and learn how to make the most of your blueberry plants!



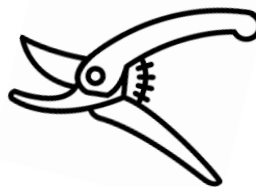
**2/18 Apple Pests & Diseases**

**(6:00-7:30 pm)** *Jim Birkholz, Owner, Pleasant Valley Orchard.* Find out the How, When, and What of managing pests and diseases in your apple trees. You will be able to go home and apply these methods easily in your own home orchard. Jim will also talk about some new pest problems facing us here in Minnesota.



**3/10 Pruning your Trees & Shrubs**  
**(6:00-7:30 pm)**

*Donna Tatting, CCMG* Pruning is one of the ways of improving not the just appearance of your trees and shrubs, but also their health. And timing is important too. How to prune and when to prune as well as what tools work best will be covered in this class.



**3/24 Growing Herbs in Containers**

**(6:00-7:30 pm)** *Sue Witte, CCMG.* Not enough room in the garden for all the herbs you want to grow? Would you like to bring your herbs inside and enjoy them during the winter? Come join us and learn about growing herbs in pots. It's fun, it's easy and you can enjoy your herbs even more!



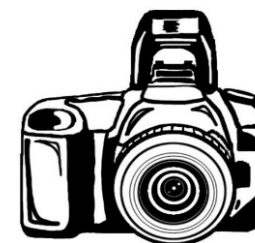
**4/14 The Dirt on Dahlias** **(6:00-7:30 pm)**

*Jim Scott-Greene CCMG.* Blooming from July till frost, dahlias offer a wide range of colors with blooms measuring as small as 2" to the huge 15" dinner plate types. With heights ranging from 10" to well over 6', dahlias can be a reliable and versatile player in the garden landscape. This class will give you the dahlia basics you'll need to showcase these outstanding plants in your garden design.



**5/5 Garden Photography**

**(6:00-7:30 pm)** *Peggy Boike, CCMG.* Gardens and flowers are popular photo subjects but taking good photos of them is not as easy as it looks. Peggy will discuss the when, where and how of garden photography, including camera settings and techniques to capture the beautiful colors and forms of gardens, bouquets and individual flowers.



*"Mission: Use research-based horticultural knowledge and practices to deliver educational outreach and project-based efforts that inspire change and promote healthy people, healthy communities and a healthy planet."*