



# Master Gardener Workshop Series

Offered at our Demonstration Garden

Located at the Patrick Ranch Museum, 10381 Midway, Durham

<b>March</b> <b>10</b>	<b>Propagating Plants 10-11:30 a.m.</b> - Learn the best time to propagate plants, how to select and make a cutting, what planting medium to use, and how to plant the cuttings. Materials will be available for everyone to have hands on experience propagating a plant and you can take one home with you. <b>Reservations required.</b>
<b>March</b> <b>14</b>	<b>Tomatoes: From Seed to Pot 10-11:30 a.m.</b> - Learn to make your own starter soil mix, plant and germinate your seeds, how to use grow lights, and transplant your starts into pots. We will then show you how to plant your potted tomatoes. You will be able to take home your own 6 pack of starts. <b>Reservations required.</b>
<b>March</b> <b>18</b>	<b>Raised Bed Gardening 10-11:30 a.m.</b> - The biggest advantage of raised bed gardening is the light, fluffy, and absolutely perfect soil you can create on your own. Raised beds are also a barrier to gophers if you build them right. Many kinds of raised bed are available for purchase, or you can build your own with just a few tools and supplies. We will demonstrate how to build a simple raised bed with bottom wire, built out of recycled wood. <b>Reservations required.</b>
<b>Mar</b> <b>21</b>	<b>Getting Started with Back Yard Chickens 10-11 a.m.</b> - Learn the basics of bringing chickens into your garden, including information about coops, city/county ordinances, breeds, and how to keep them happy and producing. An optional walk over to the chicken coop at the Patrick Ranch is available. <b>Reservations required.</b>
<b>March</b> <b>28</b>	<b>Drip Irrigation 10-11:30 a.m.</b> - Learn how to design a drip irrigation system, whether you are starting from scratch or converting an old PVC system to drip. If you are watering with a hose you can still use drip. Come to this workshop to learn about the many choices available to you. <b>Reservations required.</b>
<b>April</b> <b>11</b>	<b>Build a Compost Bin 10-11:30 a.m.</b> - You know the benefits of composting, but have you practiced this at your home? Perhaps all you need to get started is having a compost bin. Come to this workshop and build an easy compost bin to take home with you so you won't have any more excuses. We will also review how to get started using the compost bin. <b>Reservations required and there will be a materials fee of \$30 for the workshop.**</b>

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<b>April</b> <b>15</b>	<b>Backyard Bees 10-11 a.m.</b> - Find out how to attract more honeybees to your yard, learn about the different types of bees, amazing facts about bees, where to buy bees, and if you are interested, how to manage a hive. <b>Reservations required.</b>
<b>April</b> <b>25</b>	<b>Garden Design 11-1 p.m.</b> - Learn the basics of designing your garden, from site selection to selecting your plants. Learn the order in which the design decisions should be made. Visit the Master Gardener demonstration garden and look at how design decisions were made for that garden. <b>Reservations are required.</b>
<b>May</b> <b>6</b>	<b>First Pruning of the Demo Garden Orchard 11-1 p.m.</b> - This will be the first pruning of the fruit orchard planted in February at the Master Gardener demonstration garden. We will demonstrate how to prune these newly planted trees to maintain a size of 6-7 feet, the ideal size for a backyard garden. <b>Reservations required.</b>
<b>May</b> <b>9</b>	<b>Composting and Vermicomposting (worms) 10-12 p.m.</b> - Learn an inexpensive and easy way to start and maintain a compost bin. Use leaves, garden waste and kitchen scraps to make compost to enrich your soil. Also, how to make a simple worm bin (for kitchen scraps) and benefit from the castings that the worms make! <b>Reservations required.</b>
<b>May</b> <b>13</b>	<b>Growing and Using Herbs 10-11 a.m.</b> - Learn how to grow and use herbs. Herbs make a beautiful contribution to an ornamental garden, they are beneficial for your soil, and they attract beneficial insects to your garden. We will talk about fresh and dried herbs, culinary uses, and making herb teas. There will be a handout for recipes for herb teas and an herb tea tasting. <b>Reservations are required.</b>

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