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# Gardening with Nature

## PENN STATE MASTER GARDENERS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY 2024 Workshop Series



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## Penn State Master Gardeners of Cumberland County

are trained volunteers who support the outreach mission of Penn State Extension by utilizing unbiased research-based information to educate the public on best practices in sustainable horticulture and environmental stewardship.

In addition to the *Gardening with Nature* series, Penn State Master Gardeners offer many other events and activities:

### Plant Fest & Sale

Saturday, May 18, 2024—8:00am-1:00pm  
310 Allen Road, Carlisle, PA 17013

### Garden Hotline & Plant Clinic

**Garden Hotline**, Extension Office, Carlisle  
Tuesdays, 10:00am-2:00pm  
**Plant Clinic**, Fredricksen Library, Camp Hill  
Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30pm, May-August

### Pollinator Education

Pollinator-Friendly Habitat Certification

### Therapeutic Horticulture

Workshops and programs at local care facilities

### Youth Programs

Youth Summer Garden Camp & Workshops

### Demonstration Gardens

Adams Ricci Butterfly Garden - Enola  
Allen Road Gardens & Youth Gardens - Carlisle  
Conodoguinet Youth Park Gardens - Mechanicsburg  
Kings Gap Mansion Garden - Carlisle  
Pollinator Garden at Craighead House - Carlisle  
Pollinator Garden at Dickinson College - Carlisle  
Pollinator Garden at Two Mile House - Carlisle  
Trial and Idea Gardens - Carlisle  
Xeriscape Garden - Carlisle

### Speakers Bureau, Displays, and Workshops

Penn State Master Gardeners are available to speak on a variety of horticultural topics to community organizations and provide educational displays and presentations at community events.

## Penn State Master Gardener Certification

**Master Gardener Basic Training will be offered in Fall 2024 - Spring 2025** in Cumberland County.

If you are interested in learning more about the Penn State Master Gardener volunteer program, please call the Penn State Extension office at **717-240-6500** for more information.

### ***How Can You Become a Penn State Master Gardener in Cumberland County?***

The Penn State Master Gardener program is for everyone who has a strong interest in learning research-based information on gardening and are committed to sharing their knowledge with the public through volunteer service.

Each candidate interested in the program submits an application, attends an information session, and completes an interview. Not all applicants are accepted.

The Penn State Master Gardener training course for certification includes weekly online classes, monthly in-person sessions at the county office, a midterm, and a final exam. Classes are held on Thursday evenings, 6:00pm-8:15pm, from October through March. The \$200 course fee covers the cost of the Penn State Master Gardener manual, training materials, and expenses. Payment plan information is available upon request.

To achieve certification, candidates must complete the training course, score a 80% or higher on the midterm and final exam, complete a presentation, and volunteer 50 hours to the Penn State Extension Master Gardener Program during the first program year (October 1 - September 30).

Each subsequent year, 20 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education are required to remain a certified Penn State Master Gardener.

This activity is not sponsored or endorsed by the Carlisle Area School District.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### PROGRAM LOCATION

Cleve J. Fredricksen Library  
Community Room  
100 N. 19th Street  
Camp Hill, PA 17011  
717-761-3900

### Thursday, August 15, 7:00-8:30PM

Milkweed Meadows Farm  
65 N. Old Stonehouse Road  
Carlisle, PA 17015

### REGISTRATION

Workshops are \$5.00 each.

Walk-ins will be accepted if space is available.

Register Online  
on the Penn State Extension website at  
<https://extension.psu.edu>

Search 'Gardening with Nature'

OR

Call Penn State Extension  
Registration Services  
toll-free at 1-877-345-0691,  
Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

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<https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/FRE>

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# Gardening with Nature

Join Penn State Master Gardeners for a season-long series of educational sessions focused on creating beautiful gardens while maintaining a healthy environment.

Tuesday, March 26; 7:00-8:30PM \$5.00

Fredricksen Library, Camp Hill

### Starting a Home Vegetable Garden

*Maureen Cantwell, Penn State Master Gardener*

Maureen Cantwell will guide you through the fundamentals of home vegetable gardening in ground, raised beds, and containers. Topics include site planning, vegetable selection, and the step-by-step process of planting, weeding, and harvesting.

Thursday, April 25; 7:00-8:30PM \$5.00

Fredricksen Library, Camp Hill

### Making Your Property Watershed Friendly

*Natalie Marioni, Penn State Extension*

*Master Watershed Steward Program Coordinator*

Is your property watershed friendly? Discover how Penn State Extension's Watershed Friendly Property Certification Program can help you determine where stormwater originates on your property, how it impacts local creeks and rivers, and the proper practices you could adopt to reduce runoff, conserve water and support wildlife. Properties that either already have watershed friendly best practices, or are willing to install them, may qualify for recognition as a Certified Watershed Friendly Property!

Thursday, May 16; 7:00-8:30PM \$5.00

Fredricksen Library, Camp Hill

### Growing Pumpkins and Gourds in the Home Garden

*Donna Ricketts, Penn State Master Gardener*

They come in all shapes and sizes! You can carve them; you can craft them! Learn how to plant, care for, and harvest these annual "viney" plants that love to crawl and sprawl about your garden. Donna will share best practices and tips for growing that "great" Charlie Brown pumpkin and the perfect birdhouse gourd. Each program attendee will receive a packet of pumpkin or gourd seeds.

Thursday, June 20; 7:00-8:30PM \$5.00

Fredricksen Library, Camp Hill

### The Art of Growing and Using Herbs

*Marla Miller, Penn State Master Gardener*

Join Marla Miller for an enlightening program on herbs, where you will discover the joys of growing your own herbs. This session will guide you through the process of cultivating, harvesting, and storing herbs, ensuring a fresh supply for your kitchen and beyond. Learn about the best herbs to grow in your space and their diverse uses, from culinary delights to creative crafts. Whether you are a seasoned gardener or a curious beginner, this program will deepen your appreciation for the versatility and beauty of herbs.

Thursday, July 18; 7:00-8:30PM \$5.00

Fredricksen Library, Camp Hill

### Gardening with Native Food

*Ian Gardner, Owner, Green Gardner Designs LLC*

The majority of food that the average American consumes comes from industrial food systems and is comprised of exotic plants native to other countries. For the past 300+ years we have largely neglected the edible plants and indigenous food system of the Eastern U.S. By relearning how to grow edible native plants, we can grow healthy and sustainable food, support wildlife and reconnect with nature.



Check for updates on the  
2024 Gardening with Nature  
series on the website for the  
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Thursday, August 15; 7:00-8:30PM \$5.00

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### From Single Stem to Backyards & Beyond: Friendly Planting for the Birds & the Bees

*Tom Keller, Furbearer Biologist,*

*Pennsylvania Game Commission*

*Justin Klinger, Science Department Chair,*

*Gettysburg Area School District*

*Stefan Karkuff, Avian Recovery Biologist,*

*Pennsylvania Game Commission*

There has never been a more critical time in history to help a wide variety of wildlife through habitat and food creation. This can be as simple as a single common milkweed stem in a flower box to an entire backyard full of pollinators and warm season grasses. As humans we have the ability to bring change, whether negative or positive, to both local and migratory wildlife species populations. This interactive presentation will explore how to make those positive changes, show real examples of what this looks like, and how to make it happen for you.

Thursday, September 19; 7:00-8:30PM \$5.00

Fredricksen Library, Camp Hill

### Stormwater Friendly Lawn Care

*Andy Yench, Penn State Extension*

*Water Resources Educator*

It's no secret our lawns don't provide the same environmental benefits as the forests, meadows, or wetlands they replaced. But many people don't recognize the simple steps they can follow to manage the stormwater produced from turf grass. This presentation will share five techniques to make your yard more water friendly including lawn downsizing, eliminating unnecessary grass fertilizer, mowing properly, minimizing soil compaction, and practicing perfect pest management. Learn how your yard can help reduce runoff, become better habitat, and improve water quality in the Susquehanna River!