The Successful Gardener 2016
Schedule of Classes

From the Windowsill to the Garden: Starting Plants from Seed
Tuesday, January 26

Growing your own plants from seed is easy and can save you money. We’ll talk about seed selection, setting up your growing area, looking after your young plants and lots more!

A Cut Above: Pruning Fruit Trees for Better Health & Production
Tuesday, February 23

Pruning is one of the most important things you can do for the health of your trees. This class covers the basic types of cuts, why to make a pruning cut, and the right tools and how to maintain them.

When Can I Plant Tomatoes? Garden Planning for the Complete Beginner
Tuesday, March 22

When to plant is as important as how to plant and what to plant. Join us for a primer on how to plan your garden for healthier plants, more food, and more fun!

The Family Food Garden: More Fresh Food from the Home Landscape
Tuesday, April 26

Never planted a garden before? Want to add more variety to your garden? This class will show you the basics of creating a garden for season–long fresh fruits and vegetables.

Good Neighbors: Companion Planting for a Healthier Garden
Tuesday, May 24

Companion Planting is an ancient concept that is new again. We will look at ways to get more fresh food from your garden, attract pollinators and beneficial insects, and repel the critters that cause us trouble.
Something’s Eating My Plants - A Baker’s Dozen of the Most Common Garden Pests  
Tuesday, June 28

Gardens are places of life in all its abundance. Some of that abundance is shared, not always willingly, with the critters that we call pests. We’ll talk about 13 (or more if we have time) of the pests we most often encounter in our gardens.

Go Forth and Multiply: Plant Propagation  
Tuesday, July 26

Lots of food plants are very easy to propagate. We'll learn the basics of making new plants from root or stem cuttings, and from divisions. Propagating plants is an easy and fun way to grow more fresh food!

Tuesday, August 23

Growing healthy food begins with building a healthy soil. Building soil starts with the soil test, and it’s a test you can’t fail, unless you don’t take it! This class teaches soil sampling, reading the soil test results, and what to do with those results.

Leaves Make Great Tomatoes: Home Composting  
Tuesday, September 27

If there is such a thing as a magic substance, compost is that substance. It loosens clay soil, builds up sandy soils, helps soils drain better, or even helps soils hold more moisture. And if you're growing tomatoes, it just can't be beat! We’ll cover how composting works, what kinds of bins to use, and how to add compost to your garden.

An Apple a Day: Fruit Plants for a Healthy Family  
Tuesday, October 25

It's really easy to add fruit plants to your garden or home landscape. Not only is fruit good for you, fruit plants can have beautiful spring flowers, great fruit, and good fall color. Join us for the basics of adding fruit to your garden!