



# Step Into Spring: Growing Your Gardening Skills

~4th Annual~

Lewis & Clark County

## Master Gardener

## Workshop

(formerly Celebration)

### Saturday, April 14, 2018

Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds  
Exhibit Building and Entry Hall  
98 W. Custer Avenue  
Helena, Montana

#### Agenda:

- 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Vendor trade show
- 9:30 am - 10:45 am - \*First breakout session - 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D
- 11:00 am - 12:15 pm - \*Second breakout session - 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D
- 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm - Lunch (\*\*provided) and Master Gardener Recognition and Awards
- 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm - \*Third breakout session - 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D

\*There are four presentations scheduled for each breakout session. A description of each presentation follows on the next page. Please choose two preferences from each session and rank your first (1st) and second (2nd) choice for that session. Every attempt will be made to accommodate each participant's 1st choice but class space is limited this year.

\*\*Lunch is provided as part of the registration fee, and options will be available for those with dietary restrictions. There will also be pastries served in the AM and complimentary beverages available throughout the day.

	Registration up to, incl. 4/1/18	Late Registration up to, incl. 4/9/18
Full Open Registration (Public)	\$45.00	\$50.00
Gold Country MG Assn Member	\$40.00	\$45.00
Gold Country MG Assn Member <b>and</b> Volunteer	\$30.00	\$35.00
Vendor / Sponsor (includes 8' table in vendor area and one full registration to attend presentations)	\$50.00	\$55.00
Vendor staff (additional full registration to attend presentations)	\$40.00	\$45.00

Full payment must accompany registration. No refunds will be given after April 1, 2018. For questions, call or text Rhonda at (406) 431-0807, Cheryl at (707) 416-9066, email [helenamastergardeners@gmail.com](mailto:helenamastergardeners@gmail.com), or find us on Facebook: Gold Country Montana Master Gardeners.

#### Two easy payment options:

- Pay by debit or credit card and email form to: [helenamastergardeners@gmail.com](mailto:helenamastergardeners@gmail.com)
- Pay by check and mail payment and form to:

*Gold Country Montana Master Gardeners Association*  
100 W. Custer Avenue, Helena, MT 59602

No.	Title	Description of Presentation	Presenter(s)
1A	<b>Seed Starting - Just the Basics!</b>	When, where, and how to start to your vegetable and flower starts. Easy, no nonsense instruction to growing beautiful and healthy plants.	Sharmon Corner, Organic Gardener
1B	<b>Beekeeping Basics</b>	Learn the hive components, how to assemble them, what to do to be ready for bees, and how to care for your bees for the first few months. Rick will also provide his handout "A Year in the Hive," which details what the beekeeper should be doing and what the bees are doing on a month-by-month basis for the first year. Rick will have supplies for sale, but pre-orders are recommended.	Rick Molenda, Western Bee Supply
1C	<b>Flower Containers</b>	Extend the beauty and joy of gardening by expanding your container collection. Join us for a live demonstration to learn the basics of container design, tips on care and longevity and some of our favorite plant combinations. A potting area will be set up and staffed with two of our container designers to assist with design after the presentation. Containers, soil and plants will be available for sale (or bring your own container)!	Mae Clark and Taylor Ferris of Gardenwerks
1D	<b>Diagnostics in Review</b>	What was the big weed of 2017? What was the most common gardening question in 2017? What should we plan for in 2018? Learn about these and other hot topics of 2017. Also, learn how as a master gardener you can better answer these common yard and garden questions.	Brent Sarchet, MSU Lewis & Clark County Extension Agent
2A	<b>Xeriscape Design</b>	Many of you have probably heard the term Xeriscape, and some of you have probably even implemented some of the fundamental practices in your own garden. If you are looking to expand your knowledge on Xeriscape specific design, come join us for an educational talk and workshop. We will use a couple design examples from the audience, so bring a quick sketch of your project.	Mike Heil and Caroline Wallace of Gardenwerks
2B	<b>Drip Irrigation for the Backyard</b>	Learn about options for assembling a DIY, low-maintenance irrigation system for your garden and home landscape. This demonstration workshop will include: selecting the correct polytube, connectors, valves, and emitters; how to assemble the components; design limits of hydro-zones; and tips to help in designing your backyard system.	David Belitsky, Master Gardener
2C	<b>Flower Containers</b>	Extend the beauty and joy of gardening by expanding your container collection. Join us for a live demonstration to learn the basics of container design, tips on care and longevity and some of our favorite plant combinations. A potting area will be set up and staffed with two of our container designers to assist with design after the presentation. Containers, soil and plants will be available for sale (or bring your own container)!	Mae Clark and Taylor Ferris of Gardenwerks
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3A	<b>Tips for a Healthy, Happy Garden!</b>	From composting to specific plant protection ideas, a long time and highly successful gardener shares tips to enhance your harvest and protect your investment, resulting in beautiful and more abundant garden crops. Lots of time for questions and answers.	Sharmon Corner , Organic Gardener
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3C	<b>Insect Friends and Foes in the Landscape</b>	Laurie is happy to be back in Helena for another Master Gardener Workshop, where she will discuss some of the most problematic insects and some of the beneficials that are often missed or overlooked in the yard. She will bring many specimens and tips for identification to prepare for the upcoming season in the urban landscape.	<b>Laurie Kerzicnik, PhD, Insect Diagnostician</b>
3D	<b>Pruning Basics</b>	Pruning may be the most important skill a gardener can possess. Healthy trees require correct pruning, sometimes annually. Trees can take many years to recover from incorrect pruning, and sometimes will never recover. Every pruning cut you make should have a purpose. Learn about the basics of pruning and the differences between pruning fruit trees and other deciduous trees. Learn the essential pruning techniques for new developing trees. Understand the importance of hiring a certified arborist if you are not doing the work yourself.	Brent Sarchet, MSU Lewis & Clark County Extension Agent

# Registration Form

<b>Participant Name:</b>  (as it will appear on name tag)		
<b>Mailing Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Email:</b>		<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Montana Master Gardener (any level):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    If Yes, what County:		
<b>Gold Country Montana Master Gardener Association Member:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

**PLEASE SELECT** the presentations you wish to attend here by marking your **1st and 2nd** choice for **EACH** session below.

<b>Breakout Session 1: 9:30 am - 10:45 am</b>	<b>Breakout Session 2: 11:00 am - 12:15 pm</b>
_____ <b>1A</b> Seed Starting - Just the Basics! _____ <b>1B</b> Beekeeping Basics _____ <b>1C</b> Flower Containers _____ <b>1D</b> Diagnostics in Review	_____ <b>2A</b> Xeriscape Design _____ <b>2B</b> Drip Irrigation for the Backyard _____ <b>2C</b> Flower Containers _____ <b>2D</b> Diagnostics in Review
<b>Breakout Session 3: 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm</b>	
_____ <b>3A</b> Tips for a Healthy, Happy Garden! _____ <b>3B</b> Drip Irrigation for the Backyard _____ <b>3C</b> Insect Friends and Foes in the Landscape _____ <b>3D</b> Pruning Basics	

<b>Pay by check (make check payable to):</b> <i>Gold Country Montana Master Gardener Assn.</i> (GCMMDGA)  <b>Mail check and completed form to:</b> Gold Country Montana Master Gardeners Assn. 100 W. Custer Avenue Helena MT 59602	<b>Pay by debit or credit card:</b> Cardholder Name: _____ Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/20____    CRV (3 digit/back of card ): _____  <b>Email completed form to:</b> <a href="mailto:helenamastergardeners@gmail.com">helenamastergardeners@gmail.com</a> (This portion of the form will be destroyed for your security.)
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