Meet Your Local Master Gardeners

Master Gardeners apply horticultural research and experience of Virginia Tech and Virginia State University. We diagnose plant, soil, insect and disease problems and provide information on safe, effective, and sustainable landscape management practices that build beautiful, healthy gardens and communities.

During the active growing season (April - October), Master Gardeners are in the garden every Tuesday and Thursday morning — weather permitting. We welcome visitors and are happy to answer your questions.

If you would like to schedule a group tour, please send an email to DGtour@loudouncountymastergardeners.org.

Educational Opportunities

We give talks and lectures at different times during the year in a designated garden or in our Pergola classroom. Join us for "Saturdays in the Garden" - a series of talks and tours during the summer. Check our website for specific topics and dates each year.



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Master Gardeners Serving Loudoun County

Visit our Demonstration Garden At Ida Lee Park



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Our Learning Laboratory

No matter your interest, there is plenty to see and learn at the Master Gardener's Demonstration Garden. This ever-changing garden and learning laboratory is open to the public. Stroll through the mulched paths, relax on a bench or bring a picnic to enjoy in this beautiful, tranquil setting. When you visit, you're sure to pick up new ideas and identify plants that you can add to your own garden.



Master Gardeners experiment with new techniques and plants throughout each growing season. By applying what we learn in the garden, we can better help Loudoun County residents with their gardening problems.

We experience the same challenges in the Ida Lee Demonstration Garden as you do in your own garden: controlling weeds and bugs, keeping plants alive in the heat of the summer and what to do about deer. Come see what we're trying and how it's working!

Demonstration Garden Highlights



As an educational arena, the Demonstration Garden contains a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, perennials and annuals— as well as a dedicated composting area.

Master Gardeners are committed to an environmentally sound Loudoun County and its watersheds; therefore, the garden is a synthetic chemical-free environment that protects our water quality and ecosystem.

The produce harvested from the garden, over 11,500 lbs. in six years, is donated to Loudoun Interfaith Relief.

"We are serving emergency groceries to about 30 families a day. The Master Gardeners' gift of fresh produce is so very much appreciated and a welcome change of pace from canned corn and green beans!"

> Dee Jones Loudoun Interfaith Relief

This garden is an evolving collection of mini gardens. Some of the regular gardens include:

- Bulb garden
- Butterfly garden
- Children's garden
- Wedding garden
- Drought tolerant garden
- Shade garden
- Vegetable garden
- Heritage garden
- Evergreen garden
- Ornamental Grass garden
- Herb garden



Directions to the Garden

From downtown historic Leesburg, at the intersection of Rt. 7 (Market St) and Rt. 15 (King St), go north on Rt. 15 (King St) for 1/2 mile. Turn left into Ida Lee Park. Take the first right toward the Demonstration Gardens. Take another right after the barn into the graveled parking area. The MGV garden is to the right of the community plots.