



2024 New River Valley (NRV) Master Gardeners Association



*Presentation to VGMA
Bi-Monthly Meeting
February 10, 2024*

- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Welcoming VGMA in April

Overview

Introduction



- ▶ First MG class that would lead to the NRV MG Association was held in 1987
- ▶ Association formed in 1989
- ▶ Current membership is approx 90 MGs and 72 MGAs
- ▶ Have a grant program that is funded by an annual plant sale. Awarded over \$10,000 in grants for 2024.
- ▶ The NRV MGA established priorities and goals for 2024 to foster teamwork and socialization
 - ▶ “Grow a Row” - to address food insecurity in area
 - ▶ Pollinator Week - highlighting MG and grant recipients' public gardens

Happy to discuss all of this in much more detail in April!



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

APRIL 13, 2024 - VGMA BI-MONTHLY
MEETING IN CHRISTIANSBURG VA

**Virginia Master Gardener Association Bi-Monthly Meeting
April 13, 2024**

Hosted by the **New River Valley Master Gardeners Association**
Held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA

Earn up to THREE Continuing Education Credit Hours
Complimentary Coffee, Tea, Water & Breakfast Snacks
Optional Catered Buffet Lunch by Mission Barbecue
Guided Tours of THREE NRVMG Projects in the downtown Christiansburg area

Schedule of Events

- 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Park/Check-In/Breakfast
FREE parking in St. Paul's lot. Follow the signs to check-in, meet with friends old and new while enjoying complimentary breakfast snacks and beverages.
- 9:00 - 9:50 a.m. Continuing Education Opportunity #1
Flower Arrangement Class with Ashley Johnson, NRVMG vice-president
Take home your very own creation!
**Pre-registration is required and all materials are supplied for a fee of \$15. Please see the attached registration form.*
1 Continuing Education (CE) Credit hour with approval of your unit coordinator.
- 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Virginia Master Gardener Association Bi-Monthly Meeting
Meeting will be hybrid. Link will be sent prior to the meeting.
- 11:30 - 11:45 a.m. Break
- 11:45 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch
Enjoy a catered, hot buffet lunch from regional favorite restaurant, Mission Barbecue.
**Pre-registration is required, \$15 fee. Please see the attached registration form.*
Or, Bring your own sack lunch (water, tea, lemonade provided),
Or, dine at Burger King located across the road or El Bronco next door.
- 12:45 - 3:00 p.m. Continuing Education Opportunity #2
Tour THREE NRVMG projects in the downtown Christiansburg area
Join the New River Valley Master Gardeners for tours of the following:
The Montgomery Museum Garden led by Beth Umberger;
The Christiansburg Presbyterian Church Adopt A Plot Program led by Gwen Ewing; and
The Great Little Park on Main led by Ashley Johnson.
Drive yourself; or,
**There will be shuttle/car pool options available. Please see the attached registration form.*
****Be sure to dress for the weather!!!*
2 Continuing Education (CE) credit hours with approval of your unit coordinator.

We have a great team preparing
for the April 2024 VGMA Meeting

REGISTRATION FORM

**Virginia Master Gardeners Board Meeting
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Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Unit _____

	NO	YES	AMOUNT
I plan to attend the Business Meeting in person.	_____	_____	<u>No Fee</u>
I would like to take the shuttle/carpool to visit the gardens in the afternoon session.	_____	_____	<u>No Fee</u>
I will be attending the Flower Arrangement Class for the fee of \$15.	_____	_____	_____
I will be enjoying the Mission Barbecue lunch for the fee of \$15. <i>Hot buffet lunch includes slow smoked, hand pulled pork or pulled chicken on slider rolls, a special selection of homemade sauces, Maggie's mac-n-cheese, green beans with bacon, cole slaw, dessert and choice of beverage (water, lemonade, tea).</i>	_____	_____	_____

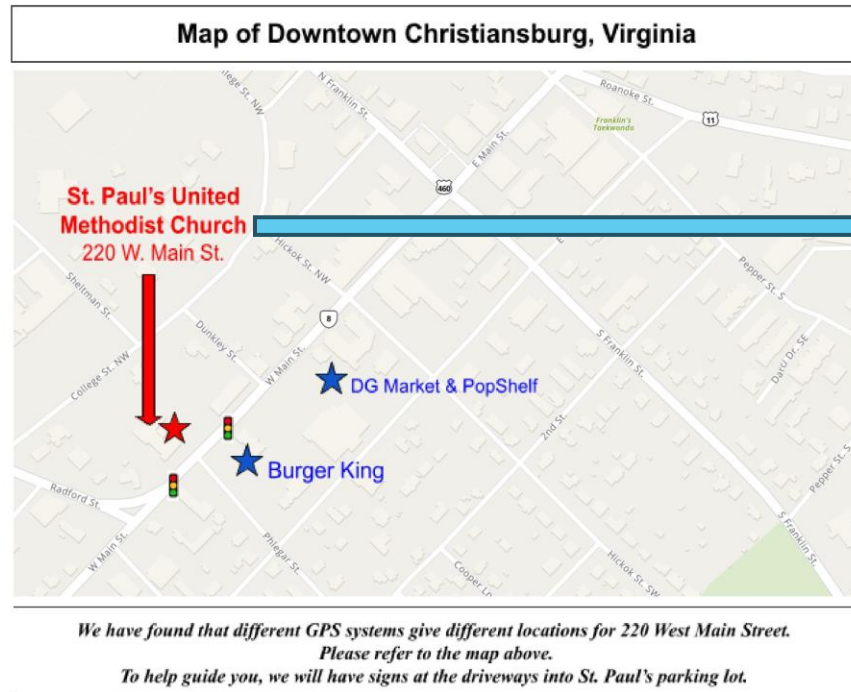
Registration and/or payment(s) deadline is March 22, 2024.

Checks should be payable to NRVMG.

Send Registration Form and payments to:

New River Valley Master Gardener Program
% Virginia Cooperative Extension, Montgomery County Office
755 Roanoke Street, Suite 1G
Christiansburg, VA 24073

*Questions? Contact Karen Parker. Call or text: (703) 989-0991; or,
e-mail: tippyio@aol.com



Other nearby places to visit:

- Hahn Horticultural Garden at VT
- Historic Smithfield
- Walk the Huckleberry Trail
- Walk in Nellie's Cave Park
- Hike on the Eastern Continental Divide Loop that begins in Blacksburg
- Hike in Jefferson National Forest
- Visit Mountain Lake Lodge where "Dirty Dancing" was filmed
- To Blue Ridge Parkway in 30 miles

Accommodations

Comfort Inn and Suites
2331 Tyler Road, Christiansburg, VA 24073
Exit 109 off I-81 (540) 744-3496 \$141

Tru by Hilton
2300 Tyler Road, Christiansburg, VA 24073
Exit 109 off I-81 (540) 744-1400 \$229

Holiday Inn Express
2725 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073
Exit 118C off I-81 (540) 382-6500 \$255

****Due to local activities, the motels/hotels are expected to be full for Friday and Saturday nights. We suggest if you need a room, reserve it early. Don't forget to ask for AAA, AARP, etc. discounts.*



Thank you!

We look forward to
welcoming you to
Christiansburg in April!

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