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## **Master Gardener Open House for Evening 2011 Training**

*Arlington, VA* – Virginia Cooperative Extension and Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia will hold an Open House on November 16th, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the Fairlington Community Center, for gardeners in Arlington and Alexandria interested in the Master Gardener Training Class in January, 2011.

Residents who want to improve their gardening skills, enhance their knowledge and, most importantly, share what they have learned with others through volunteer work should reserve a place in the 2011 Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program quickly.

Offered by the Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) – Arlington County Office, in cooperation with the City of Alexandria, the Master Gardener program trains participants in research-based gardening and landscaping techniques that preserve, protect, and beautify the environment. After completing both the classroom program and the internship, participants

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become certified VCE Master Gardeners, who assist VCE staff in teaching environmentally sound gardening techniques in their communities.

Classes will begin January 11, from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 15th at the Fairlington Community Center in Arlington. After approximately 70 hours of training, Master Gardener candidates will complete a 60-hour internship focusing on community service in VCE sponsored educational gardening programs and events.

Enrollment is limited to 40. Residents of Alexandria City and Arlington will receive preference, but others in the Washington area may also enroll on a space-available basis. Tuition, which covers the cost of study materials and instructor fees, is \$200 for residents of Arlington County and Alexandria City and \$250 for others. Need-based scholarships are available to cover some of the tuition costs.

For more information and an enrollment form, contact the Virginia Cooperative Extension office, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington VA 22206, 703-228-6414; e-mail: [ex013mg@vt.edu](mailto:ex013mg@vt.edu)

VCE's local website is <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/arlington>.

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