



## 2026 Garden Talks

### Descripción

## Join us for Garden Talks in 2026

### Arlington Central Library – 1015 N Quincy Street

Sponsored by Friends of Urban Agriculture and Extension Master Gardeners  
Free! No registration required.

### March – October 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

All talks will be inside the library in the Bluemont Room unless otherwise noted.

(Topics are subject to change.)

**March 4 – Plan it Right! Seed, Seedlings, and More:** Plant your seeds and seedlings so they'll happily grow for you, and learn when and how to start seedlings from experienced gardeners.

**March 18 – Principles of Soil Health:** Learn the basic soil health principles and how a gardener/farmer can utilize these principles to conserve and improve their soil. Learn more about the principles behind potting soil, the components they are made of, and tips for plant care in potting soil.

**March 25 – Container Gardening:** You don't need a yard to grow your own herbs and vegetables. Find out how container gardening can work for you.

**April 1 – No Garden Talk – APS Spring Break**

**April 8 – Preventing Food Waste:** (Meet in Wilson Room) Food is grown to feed people. Whether purchased or received as a donation, the highest and best use of food is for it to be eaten. Join us for a conversation to discuss the importance of preventing food from being wasted. Why it matters and how to balance tradeoffs among haste, taste, and waste.

**April 15 – Pepper-licious!:** Peppers—hot and sweet—are the 7th most popular vegetable in the world. This talk will focus on growing delicious peppers of your own this summer. You will learn how to:



select those that suit your needs; plant and nurture your peppers; and identify pests and diseases common to peppers.

**May 6 – Herbs- Planning, Planting:** Fresh herbs can take your cooking from good to great. There are herbs for all cuisines and growing conditions. Which will you grow? How do you grow them? Where do they fit with your vegetables?

**May 20 – Gardening Structures:** Easy-to-build garden structures help you save garden space, grow healthier plants, bring higher yields, and control those pesky varmints.

**June 3 – Weed Control by Design: Mulch, Ground covers and Cover Crops:** Improve your soil and decrease weed pressure by exploring ways to keep the ground covered. We'll highlight mulches that add organic matter, low growing plants that can be worked into your established garden design, and cover crop combinations that crowd out those pesky weeds.

**June 17 – Water Where It Counts:** Using rain barrels, drip irrigation and in-ground ollas

**July 1 – Canning and Preservation:** Learn how to preserve the bounty of your garden with time-honored canning, pickling, and fermentation techniques that turn every harvest into flavors you can enjoy all year long.

**July 15 – Creating Pollinator Habitats:** There's no time like the present to add pollinator-friendly plants to your gardens! Join Master Naturalist **Amy Bolton** and learn how to create an inviting outdoor space for pollinators. Learn how to select plants — including trees, shrubs, and perennials — to welcome pollinators through all four seasons, and explore using native plants to support a variety of pollinators, especially insects throughout their life cycle.

**July 29 – Fall Vegetable Garden Planning:** Learn how to grow a productive fall vegetable garden! We'll discuss what crops thrive in fall, how to plant them while the weather is still warm, and practical techniques for starting seeds, transplanting, and keeping plants healthy. Whether you're new to gardening or looking to extend your harvest season, you'll learn to grow vegetables well beyond the summer.

**Aug 5 – No Garden Talk: Arlington County Fair**

**Aug 19 – Benefits & Applications of Biosolids for Gardens:** Did you know that every time you flush, you participate in one of the world's greatest recycling programs — one that helps restore soils and grow healthy lawns and gardens? Bloom, a local, affordable compost alternative rich in organic matter and nutrients, boosts soil health and offers improved plant growth, drought resistance, water-holding capacity and more. Bloom also helps DC Water generate renewable energy, decrease its carbon footprint, and save millions of dollars to abate future water rate increases. During the presentation, you'll learn more about how Bloom is made and its benefits for gardens and lawns. Samples will be available for you to try at home.

**Sept – 2 – Growing Blackberries and Raspberries**

**Sept – 16 – Fall Foraging**



**Oct 7 – Teas and Tinctures**

**Oct 21 – Garlic! Plant it Now**

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