

BACKYARD GARDENING SEMINARS

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Every Saturday morning in March at the
Louisa County Office Building.
Located at 1 Woolfolk Rd, Louisa, VA.
Meet at 9am for light refreshments.
Speakers begin at 9:30am.
Door prizes following.

March 4th

“Feed the Soil”

The most important starting point of your garden! How to improve your soil using organic inputs with **Pam Dawling**, author of *Sustainable Market Farming: Intensive Vegetable Production on a Few Acres*, a book informed by Pam’s experience growing organic fruits & vegetables for approximately 100 members of Twin Oaks Community in Louisa, VA.

March 11th

“Simple Native Plants and Shade Garden Plants”

Featuring the Four H’s (Hostas, Heuchera, Hydrangea, Hellebore) as difficult-to-kill shade-tolerant ornamental plants to get started in your garden. Also featuring native plants that you can grow to attract pollinators to your home. Hosted by **Tina Chaleki** and **Jackie Rowe**, longtime volunteer educators through the Central VA Master Gardeners.

March 18th

“Year-Round Vegetable Gardening”

How to grow organic vegetables for your family during all seasons of the year, including a guide to when to plant and harvest local vegetable crops, and how to extend your harvest using low-cost methods. Presented by **Ira Wallace**, worker/owner of local business Southern Exposure Seed Exchange & author of the *Timber Press Guide to Vegetable Gardening in the Southeast*, based on her experience gardening throughout the Southeast over 50 years.

March 25th

“Starting Seeds and Transplanting”

How to get started in the garden by growing plants from seed. **Irena Hollowell** is a worker/owner at local seed company Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, specializing in growing experimental seed trials and saving seeds.

“Garden Bugs: Should I Squish It?”

A slideshow of various insects and whether they are beneficial or dangerous to your garden. **Gryphon Corpus** is also a worker/owner at Southern Exposure Seed Exchange and is responsible for filling their Instagram feed with bug photos, including lightly sautéed tomato hornworms.



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