The Arlington Food Assistance Center’s (AFAC) Plot Against Hunger program promotes AFAC’s vision of providing access to nutritious food for our neighbors in need by asking for donations of produce from local gardeners and farmers. We seek to educate AFAC clients and others in incorporating fresh produce into healthy diets. [afac.org/plot-against-hunger/](afac.org/plot-against-hunger/)

The Arlington County Office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service provides educational programs based on research in Agricultural and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Science, 4-H Youth Development and community viability to help people in Arlington improve their lives. [arlington.ext.vt.edu/](arlington.ext.vt.edu/)

The “Arlington Reads, Arlington Grows” garden at Arlington Central Library grew out of the joint initiative of the Library and AFAC Plot Against Hunger volunteers, who dug the original garden near the Library’s east entrance in May 2010. In June 2010 the garden was dedicated and containers were added on the patios.

The past nine years have seen an expansion of the square-foot gardens and perennial plantings, improved borders and fencing, and benefits from the nearby native plant garden. From the start, this has been a cooperative and education-oriented effort.

JOIN US!

Arlington Friends of Urban Agriculture (FOUA) is a nonprofit dedicated to building a resilient, community-driven urban agriculture sector so that we have a fair, healthy, sustainable food system for all Arlingtonians. FOUA advocates for community-driven support for urban agriculture in county and school policies, builds awareness through educational, outreach and social events, and facilitates connections & promotes urban agriculture businesses & programs. [arlingtonurbanag.org/](arlingtonurbanag.org/)

Gardening Talks at the Arlington Central Library

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm in the garden (tennis court side) unless otherwise noted

1015 N. Quincy St, Arlington 22201

March—September 2020


March 25: Soil is Everything—Testing, Enhancing, Fertilizing. Healthy, nutritious soil is a basic building block for successful gardening. Learn how to care for your soil. Bluemont Room.

April 1: Fruit for your Garden – Berries, Bushes, Brambles, Trees. Learn the best varieties of fruits for northern Virginia gardens and how to grow them. Bluemont Room.

April 8: Perennial Food Crops. Establish perennial food plants suited to northern Virginia, using permaculture techniques. Enjoy your crops year after year with little maintenance. Bluemont Room.


April 29: Garden Structures for Support & Pest Control. Learn to support tomatoes, vines, and other crops, increase growing space, and keep out those squirrels and other critters. Outside by the garden.


May 20: Foraging for Wild Edibles. Find edibles in our urban area, by foraging in wild (and not so wild) areas. Outside by the garden.

May 27: Growing Herbs for Health & Flavor. Herbs are the spice of life and can boost your health. Grow your own! Basic techniques on planning and planting a culinary and medicinal herb garden. Bluemont Room.

June 3: NO GARDEN TALK. Visit Master Gardener Clinic inside.

June 10: Weeds 101 – Keep those Weeds at Bay. Learn how to identify and keep the area’s top ten weeds out of your garden and yard. Outside by the garden.

June 17: NO GARDEN TALK. Visit Master Gardener Clinic inside.

June 24: Good Bugs, Bad Bugs, Happy Garden. Learn from an expert how to manage insects and pests and attract beneficial insects to your garden, the sustainable way. Outside by the garden.

July 1: NO GARDEN TALK. Visit Master Gardener Clinic inside.

July 8: Top 10 Vegetable Diseases. Our area’s hot, humid summers make vegetables vulnerable to diseases. Learn how to control the occurrence and spread of plant diseases. Outside by the garden.

July 15: NO GARDEN TALK. Visit Master Gardener Clinic inside.

July 22: Preserving the Harvest – Canning, Freezing. Enjoy your produce year-round. Learn how to can and freeze safely with proven techniques. Bluemont Room.