



Grow The Good Life Winter, 2021

Fellow Gardeners:

It's time to sharpen up your garden tools, scan through your plant catalogs, get your seed starter kits set up and sign up for **Grow The Good Life!** This winter's program will be virtual since it is still not safe to gather together.

We are offering **four presentations over two weekends in February by Zoom**. There will be a \$15 fee for each weekend, \$30 for the entire winter presentation.

On the first weekend, **February 20, 2021**, you will learn about the **latest trends in garden crops**. During the second presentation, you will get advice and recommendations about **how to start or expand your composting efforts** and help the environment in the process.

The second weekend, **February 27, 2021**, for those of you who have problems with pests getting into your freshly planted garden or you're trying to keep varmints away from your prized tomatoes, you won't want to miss **how to control critters in your backyard or garden**. And for those of you who suffer from tiny garden syndrome, you will hear and see how to successfully **garden in small spaces**, especially valuable if you have limited area to grow your favorite vegetables.

Sign up now for both weekend sessions:

Because this is a Zoom event, it is necessary to register for each day separately.
Online registration links on reverse side.

To register and pay by check, complete the form below, check the dates you plan to attend and mail with payment to:

Bedford Extension Office
c/o GTGL
1257 County Farm Road, Suite B
Bedford, VA 24523

February 20, 2021 \$15.00

February 27, 2021 \$15.00

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Make check payable to BAMGA

Printed registration deadline is February 12, 2021

Electronic registration cut off for Part 1 is Thursday, February 18, 2021

Electronic registration cut off for Part 2 is Thursday, February 25, 2021

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Part 1, Grow The Good Life, Winter 2021

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grow-the-good-life-winter-2021-part-1-tickets-136091036955>



"The Virginia State Specialty Crop Program: A Few Interesting Examples"

Dr. Reza Rafie, PhD, is a professor at Virginia State University and a Cooperative Extension Specialist. He works to bring the exotic and trendy to Virginia farms and tables. He has researched extensively on growing blackberries, raspberries, ginger and turmeric.



"A Crash Course on Composting"

Learn what makes composting so important and how easy it is to do. We'll explore various systems that will deliver composting success, from small-scale solutions to larger-scale systems for the garden or farm.

Mark Angelini provides permaculture design, consulting and education throughout the region and manages Mountain Run Farm with his wife, Allison, where they grow fruits, vegetables and livestock in an integrative system.

Part 2 Grow The Good Life, Winter 2021

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grow-the-good-life-winter-2021-part-2-tickets-136723827649>



"Critter Control in Your Backyard"

Wildlife is an important part of our environment. However, they can become a challenge for the home gardener. This session will discuss strategies you can employ to help manage your landscape and minimize wildlife conflicts.

Scott Baker is a native of Pennsylvania and has been the Agricultural and Natural Resources Extension agent in Bedford County since 1997. He received his Bachelor's degree from Cornell University and Master's degree from VA Tech, both in animal science. He serves the farming community in Bedford and surrounding counties and works closely with the Bedford Extension Master Gardener program.



"Thinking Outside the Window Box – Gardening for Small Spaces."

This session will discuss creative ways to grow veggies and flowers in your compact areas!

Sue Becker has a passion for both horticulture and education. As a Master Gardener for 15 years, Sue's broad experience includes speaking on all manner of horticultural topics, developing educational programs, and mentoring and training new Master Gardeners. She currently serves as President of the Bedford Area Master Gardener Association.