



# GROW THE GOOD LIFE 2026, March 14, 2026

## Gardening: From The Ground Up

Sponsored by the Bedford Area Master Gardeners Association. Join four in-person gardening experts to learn the essentials of gardening, including soil preparation, design options, and care for both edible plants and ornamental varieties.

Participants may attend virtually **via Zoom or in-person** at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 13586 Old Moneta Road, Moneta, VA. The program begins at 9:30am and ends at 3:45pm. Doors open at 9am with light breakfast, coffee and tea provided. **Choose your lunch option below.** Local vendors will be on-site with a variety of home and gardening products available for purchase. Professional tool sharpener, Justin Kelley, will be on site with his sharpening equipment! **Bring your garden tools to be sharpened, for a fee, while you attend the sessions.**

### SIGN UP NOW!

Registration Fees: \$55 In-person (includes lunch) \$50 if using this paper registration form and paying by check. \$40 Virtual attendance via Zoom (registration via Eventbrite only). No on-site registration. No Refunds unless event is cancelled.

**For In-person Attendance**

[Click here to register](#)

OR

Scan the QR Code



**Online registration available through Eventbrite**

For problems registering for this event, please send an email to <mailto:bedfordmg.gtgl@gmail.com>

**For Virtual/Zoom Attendance**

[Click here to register](#)

OR

Scan the QR Code



**To register by mail for In-person attendance and pay \$50.00 by check,** complete the form below. Mail this form with payment to: Bedford County Extension Office c/o GTGL, 1257 County Farm Road, Suite B, Bedford, VA 24523.

### Make check payable to BAMGA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

For **In-person** attendance: **March 5, 2026**, by 2pm either through Eventbrite or dropped off at the Bedford Extension Office.

For **Virtual** attendance: **March 12, 2026**, by 2pm registration only through Eventbrite.

How did you learn about the 2026 Grow The Good Life Seminar? \_\_\_\_\_

**Response Required:** Does BAMGA/VCE have your permission to take and use a photograph of you for future promotional (print or social media) or educational purposes?  Yes  No

**Lunch provided by Farmhouse Catering. Lunch is included in the registration cost.**

*Please choose from the following menu options by checking your selection:*

- Virginia Ham Sandwich** with Swiss on a Brioche bun with Apple Butter, Pasta Salad, and a Jumbo Chocolate Chip Cookie for dessert.
- Smoked Turkey Sandwich** with Brie on Ciabatta Bread with Fig Jam, Pasta Salad, and a Jumbo Chocolate Chip Cookie for dessert.
- Mediterranean Salad Bowl** - Spring Mix, Romaine, Artichoke Hearts, Olives, Tomatoes, Red Onion (with Feta Cheese, Hard-Boiled Egg, and Balsamic Vinaigrette on the side), and a Jumbo Chocolate Chip Cookie for dessert.

A variety of drinks (coffee, water, soda, tea) will be provided

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# Grow The Good Life 2026

## 9:40am – 10:45am - Bryce Lane



### "If You Build It, They Will Come"

Join Bryce Lane and learn basic soil principles, and how we can use that understanding to improve our garden soils, properly prepare garden beds, reduce fertilizer inputs, compost, and maximize growth in our gardens.

## 11:10am – 12:10pm – Melanie Burrow



### "Lazy Landscape Like A Boss"

**Spend less time tending to your yard and more time enjoying it!**

Some people love the backbreaking business of taking care of their lawn and garden. Then there's the rest of us: We'd rather relax and let our little piece of heaven largely take care of itself. This session will delve into planting techniques that will provide future plant sustainability, types of plants that are successful in our area, and easy landscaping ideas to make your outdoor space the envy of the neighborhood.

## 1:15pm – 2:15pm - Michael McConkey



### "Less Care Edibles for the Homeowner"

Michael will discuss how to choose and care for plants that are edible, including vining types, shrubs, and fruit trees, which require less care but still look good in your landscape.

## 2:35pm – 3:35pm – Holly Scoggins, PH.D.



### "Gardening Gaffes and Possible Solutions"

Like most avid gardeners Holly Scoggins has walked into garden nurseries, looked around at all the wonderful plants, and just HAD to take some home with her. Drawing on her three decades of gardening history, including mistakes, Holly will discuss how and how not to take care of perennials and woodies.

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