**Garden Workshops for 2020**

Gardner Agway 633 West Broadway, Gardner, MA **978-632-0991**

Please call ahead to reserve a seat

**Developing Healthy Soils 2/15/20** 1:00pm-2:30pm

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**Herbs: How to Grow and Harvest** **2/29/20**, 1:00pm-2:30pm

 Growing and using herbs has been part of human history since we started Having a history. They’re used in cooking, healing, ornamentation and celebration. Learn how to grow them well – so that there are plenty of those aromatic oils that make them herbs available for you to harvest.

**Insect, Disease and Weed Control** **3/7/20**, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Did you know that a leaf brix reading of 12 means that your plants won’t get insects or diseases so you won’t need pesticides? That’s better for everyone. And what the heck is a brix reading anyways! Learn how to use a refractometer and some tricks that can make you much more successful in raising healthy plants. Bonus -if you get this right, you won’t believe the color and flavor you’ll find in your garden!

**Developing Healthy Soils - redux 3/21/20** 1:00pm-2:30pm

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**Wildflowers and Native Plants** **3/28/20** 1:00pm-2:30pm

Everyone loves looking at a meadow in bloom -and so do the birds, bees and butterflies! Learn how to select what will work best for your yard and your smaller neighbors. Do you know what’s the first plant that the bees feed on in the spring – and the last in the fall? Learn how to add them to your yard for your pleasure and theirs.

**Growing Fruits and Berries** **4/4/20**, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Do you want to have your own fresh blueberries, raspberries, apples, peaches and pears? How about some rhubarb? Fruits and berries take a bit of strategizing to make it all work. Find out what some of the tricks are and how you can manage the plants for the best harvest.

**Insect, Disease and Weed Control - redux** **4/11//20**, 1:00pm-2:30pm

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