

## Marion County Extension Services 2012 Classes / Events Calendar

### January 2012

**Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25**  
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Short Course** | UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service Conference Room

**Contact:** 352-671-8400 **Registration:** \$15 due by Dec. 29

Course consists of a series of four classes, each pertaining to a particular topic in the home buying process. Certificate of completion will be awarded upon attendance of all 4 classes. \*Satisfies requirements set forth by HUD, S.H.I.P., Habitat for Humanity and other funders.

**Jan. 10**  
Noon

**Ocala Bull Sale** | Southeastern Livestock Pavilion

**Contact:** Mark Shuffitt, 352-671-8400

"The Nation's Oldest Continuous Graded Bull Sale"

**Jan. 12**  
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Diabetes Support Group** | Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church (55 SW Third Ave., Ocala)

**Contact:** 352-629-3782 **Registration:** Free, call May Stafford, R.N.

**Group Leaders:** Nancy Gal, FCS Nutrition and Food Safety Agent; May Stafford, R.N. Mt Moriah Healthy Ministry For adults with type 2 diabetes interested in discussing diabetes, eating plans, physical activity, medications and other related topics.

**Jan. 18**  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Take Charge of Your Diabetes** | UF/IFAS Marion Marion County Extension Service - South Hall

**Contact:** 352-671-8400 **Registration:** \$45 Required by Jan. 12

**Instructor:** Nancy Gal, FCS Nutrition and Food Safety Agent

This program focuses on self-management education which is a key step in improving quality of life for adults with type 2 diabetes. This program is a series of classes. Class dates are Jan. 18 and 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23; March 1, 8, and 15; April 12; May 17.

**Jan. 24-26**  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Florida-Friendly Landscaping Challenge** | UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service Auditorium North Hall

**Contact:** 352-671-8400 **Registration:** \$ 5 required by Jan. 20

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**Jan. 25**  
8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Best Management Practices (GI-BMP)** | UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service Auditorium North Hall

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This class is required for any person applying pesticides for pay. Four CEUs available, two CORE and two in Pvt App Ag, O & T, Lmted L & O, LCLM or Commercial L & O.

**Jan. 25**

8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**ServSafe® Commercial Food Handler Certification Training & Exam** | UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service

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## February 2012

**Feb. 1, 3, 8, 10**

5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Home Buyer Short Course** | UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service Conference Room

**Contact:** 352-671-8400 **Registration:** \$15 due by Jan. 27

Course consists of a series of four classes, each pertaining to a particular topic in the home buying process. Certificate of completion will be awarded upon attendance of all 4 classes. \*Satisfies requirements set forth by HUD, S.H.I.P., Habitat for Humanity and other funders.

**Feb. 9**

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Diabetes Support Group** | Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church (55 SW Third Ave., Ocala)

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## March 2012

**March 6, 13, 20, 27**

8:30 am - 3 pm.

**Home Buyer Short Course** | UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service Classroom

**Contact:** 352-671-8400 **Registration:** \$15 due by Feb. 24

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### March 8

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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### March 10-11

Sat. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.,

Sun. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Master Gardener Spring Festival** | UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service

**Contact:** 352-671-8400 **Admission:** \$1.00, kids 12 and under free

Over 80 vendor booths will be available, selling plants and garden-related items.

### March 22

9:30 a.m. or 6 p.m.

**Mini Florida-Friendly Landscape Challenge** | UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service Auditorium North Hall

**Contact:** 352-671-8400 **Registration:** Free, register by March 19

Learn how to make the outdoors the best room of your home and save time and money!

### March 24

9:30 a.m. only

**Mini Florida-Friendly Landscape Challenge** | UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service Auditorium North Hall

**Contact:** 352-671-8400 **Registration:** Free, register by March 21

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## April 2012

### April 3, 5, 10, 12

5:30 pm - 8 pm.

**Home Buyer Short Course** | UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service Classroom

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### April 10

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Pesticide Applicator Training** | UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service Auditorium North Hall

**Contact:** 352-671-8400 **Registration:** \$20 due by April 5

Class for pesticide applicators, six CEUs available, two CORE, four in Pvt App Ag, O & T, Lmted L & O, LCLM or Commercial L & O.

### April 19

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Diabetes Support Group** | Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church (55 SW Third Ave., Ocala)

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**Group Leaders:** Nancy Gal, FCS Nutrition and Food Safety Agent; May Stafford, R.N. Mt Moriah Healthy Ministry  
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### April 24

8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### ServSafe® Commercial Food Handler Certification Training & Exam | UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service

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**Instructor:** Nancy Nancy Gal, FCS food safety and nutrition agent

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### April 28

10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

### Earthfest & Arbor Day Joining Forces in Nature | Tuscawilla Park, Ocala

**Contact:** 352-671-8400 **Cost:** Free

Please join us for this family event featuring educational activities, music, a movie and fun.

## May 2012

### May 3

10:30 a.m.

### Dos and Don'ts of Florida-Friendly Lawn Care | Belleview Public Library

**Contact:** Donna Redner, 671-8400, or [donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org) **Registration:** Free, required by April 28, 2012

### May 12

8:00 a.m.-noon  
(or until sold out).

### Master Gardener Summer Plant Sale | Master Gardener greenhouse behind Marion County Extension Service offices

**Contact:** Donna Redner, 671-8400, or [donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org) **Registration:** Free .

### May 24

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### Diabetes Support Group | Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church (55 SW Third Ave., Ocala)

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### May 30

10:30 a.m. - noon

### Prospective Master Gardener orientation | Mt Marion County Extension Service Auditorium

**Contact:** Donna Redner, 671-8400, or [donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org) **Registration:** Free, required by May 25, 2012 **Instructor:** Norma Samuel

This session provides an overview of the Master Gardener program.

## June 2012

### June 5

5 p.m.

**Application deadline for Master Gardener interviews** | Marion County Extension Service Office

**Contact:** Donna Redner, 671-8400, or [donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org) **Registration:** Free, required by April 28, 2012

### June 7

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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### June 15

9:30 a.m. - noon

**Common Pests in the Florida Landscape: class and garden tour** | Marion County Extension Service Auditorium

**Contact:** Donna Redner, 671-8400, or [donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org) **Registration:** Free, required by June 11, 2012 Instructor: Norma Samuel  
Learn to ID and control insects, diseases and weeds.

### June 18-22

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m

**Junior Master Gardener program** | Marion County Extension Service Auditorium

**Contact:** Donna Redner, 671-8400, or [donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org) **Registration:** \$75.00, required Instructor: Norma Samuel  
Engaging, hands-on and fun way to learn about gardening. Open to youth 8-14, limited to 20 attendees.

## July 2012

### July 10

8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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**July 17-19**

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Florida-Friendly Landscaping Challenge** | UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service Auditorium North Hall

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**July 26**

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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**July 31**

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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**Aug. 16**

8 a.m. or 4 p.m.

**Florida Equine Institute & Allied Trade Show** | Southeastern Livestock Pavilion

**Contact:** 352-671-8400 **Registration:** Required, \$25 early registration, \$15 students (student ID must be provided) **Instructors:** University of Florida and equine industry professionals

Whether you're into horses for pleasure or business, you won't want to miss this event. Show provides Florida horsemen and horsewomen with unbiased, up-to-date equine-management information and a "working" Trade Show. Expo focuses on the equine production industry as it relates to sport (including racing and performance) and recreational horses.

## September 2012

**Sept. 8**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Vegetable Gardening Expo** | Marion County Extension Service Auditorium

**Contact:** Donna Redner, 671-8400, or [donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org) **Registration:** Free

Series of educational sessions and vendor booths on growing vegetables, fruits and herbs.

**Sept. 13**  
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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**Sept. 14**  
9:30 a.m. - noon

**Gardening for Hummingbirds and Butterflies: class and garden tour** | Marion County Extension Service Auditorium  
**Contact:** Donna Redner, 671-8400, or [donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org) **Registration:** Free, required by Sept. 9, 2012 **Instructor:** Norma Samuel  
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**Sept. 24-28**  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Gardening for Dummies** | Marion County Extension Service Auditorium  
**Contact:** Donna Redner, 671-8400, or [donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:donna.redner@marioncountyfl.org) **Registration:** \$25 per person/\$40 couple, required by Sept. 14, 2012 **Instructor:** Various  
Basic gardening course, different topics to be covered each evening.

## October 2012

**Oct. 11**  
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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## November 2012

### Nov. 1

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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### Nov. 15

9:30 a.m. or 6 p.m.

**Mini Florida Friendly Challenge** | UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service North Hall

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### Nov. 17

9:30 a.m. only

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**Contact:** 352-671-8400 **Registration:** Free, register by Nov. 14

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## December 2012

### Dec. 13

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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