

Master Gardener

Interest Form

I am interested in becoming a Master Gardener. Please send me an application and more information about the Master Gardener program in Missouri.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Day Phone _____

Return to:
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Master gardeners are a part of University of Missouri Extension. Educational activities and relate directly to the teaching and research functions of the University of Missouri. As a state land-grant institution, the University of Missouri has major responsibilities to communicate research findings and other useful information to people and organizations that can benefit from the application of this information.

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Become a Heart of Missouri MASTER GARDENER

2012 Spring Classes
February 14 to May 1st
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Classes held at:
Memorial Union
University of Missouri Campus



University of Missouri Extension
programs are open to all

Who are Master Gardeners?

Master Gardeners are adults of all ages who love gardening and who have previous gardening experience. They are members of the local community who are interested in lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers, gardens, and the environment.

Who can be a Master Gardener?

You can be a master gardener if you:

- ◆ Have knowledge or experience in gardening or landscape management
- ◆ Are willing to learn and provide research-based horticultural information to the public
- ◆ Can attend all training sessions
- ◆ Can volunteer at least 30 hours to educational horticulture programs through your local University Extension Center

What kind of training do Master Gardeners receive?

If you are selected for the Master Gardener program, you will take between 30 and 45 hours of classroom horticultural training. State and regional University Extension specialists, advanced master gardeners, and others teach the classes. You will learn about plant growth, insect and Disease control, vegetables, fruits, flowers, trees, shrubs, soils, and environmental issues.

The learning continues during a volunteer internship which is approximately equal in time to the hours of classroom instruction received. Upon completion of the internship you will be a certified University Extension Master Gardener.

How much does training cost?

A minimal fee of \$135.00 is charged for course and resource materials. If you are a member of "Friends of the Mizzou Botanic Garden" you would receive a \$25 reduction in the cost of the course.

What do Master Gardeners do?

The primary responsibility of Master Gardener trainees is to answer questions from area residents about home horticulture; and , to help them find environmentally sound solutions to gardening and landscape problems. Extension specialists and Advanced Master Gardeners are available to help and advise as needed.

Other opportunities include:

- ◆ Master Gardener speakers bureau, giving educational presentations to groups, such as garden clubs, community associations, or school classes
- ◆ Work in clinics in the community,
- ◆ Helping local residents diagnose plant and insect problems
- ◆ Write articles for newsletters, newspapers and other publications

- ◆ Staff exhibits at home, garden shows and fairs
- ◆ Organize community gardening projects
- ◆ Develop youth gardening programs
- ◆ Teach gardening classes
- ◆ Conduct home horticulture research
- ◆ Assist in senior gardening programs

There are numerous other activities in which to participate, and volunteers may initiate their own projects.

If you wish to continue as an active Master Gardener, you can do so by taking additional classes and volunteering at least 20 hours of horticultural educational service through your local University Extension Center.

How can I become a Master Gardener?

Fill out the master gardener Interest Form on the back of this flyer and return it to the Boone County University of Missouri Extension Center, 1012 N. Hwy UU, Columbia, MO 65203. Or, call the Boone County University of Missouri Extension Center at 445-9792 and request an application. Classes will start February 8 and continue through April 26.