The Master Gardener concept began more than 41 years ago in Washington state in response to a high level of interest in home gardening and numerous requests to county extension offices for horticultural information. The idea was to involve horticulture extension faculty in training knowledgeable gardeners to assist Extension staff in delivering home gardening information to friends, neighbors, and the general public. From that first class of Seattle area Master Gardeners in 1972, the concept has now spread to all 50 states and several Canadian provinces.

The Missouri Master Gardener program began in St. Louis in 1983. Currently, over 2,500 active Master Gardeners serve as University of Missouri Extension volunteers in 110 counties around the state.

Registration Form

For more information contact the county extension office

* Jefferson County Extension Office
636-797-5391

Cost is $150.00 plus $50.00 deposit
The Program will be taught by professionals on the following subjects:

- Integrated Pest Management
- Turf Grass Management
- Rain Gardens
- Worm Farming
- Container Gardening
- Tree Pruning/Propagation
- Seed Starting/Greenhouse
- Plant/Tree Disease
- Rain Barrels
- Vegetable Gardening
- Flowering Plants
- Soil Anatomy
- Insect Identification
- Bee Keeping

As part of the outreach efforts of University of Missouri Extension, Master Gardeners involve people in improving the quality of life, and enhancing the economy and environment through horticultural education, applied research and the resources of the University of Missouri and Lincoln University.

What do we ask from you?

Master Gardeners must volunteer 30 or more hours their first year following training and 20 hours subsequent years in one or more of the following areas

- Work at Jefferson College Campus gardens.
- Promote planning and planting at your Church, Subdivision Entrance or Nursing Home.
- Answer gardening questions at the Farmers Market in your area.
- Work at Kress Garden Preserve.
- Work at any public place where gardens can be viewed by the public.

3.) What type of Volunteer projects would interest you?

4.) How did you learn about the Master Gardener Program?

5.) What do you feel are some particular needs and concerns of home gardeners?

6.) Do you understand that to become a Master Gardener you must complete the 12 week training course as well as complete 30 volunteer hours within one year of training commencement?

If you understand the requirements of and would like to become a Master Gardener, and that the $50.00 will be returned after you have completed your 30 hours of volunteer work, please sign below, make check payable to University of MO Extension and return this section to:

University of Missouri Extension
P.O. Box 497
Hillsboro, MO 63050
Your Signature: