The Master Gardener concept began more than 42 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.

For more information contact the
Jefferson County Extension Office
636-797-5391

Cost is $150.00 plus $50.00 deposit
Master Gardeners volunteer 30 hours as part of the curriculum. Hands-on learning locations include but are not limited to:

- Garden at any public place where gardens can be viewed by the public
- Garden at Jefferson College Campus gardens or Kress Farm Garden Preserve
- Garden at your Church, Subdivision Entrance, School Garden, Library or a Nursing Home
- Answer gardening questions at a Farmers Market or other community events

Course Topics Include:

- Vegetable Gardening
- Annuals/Perennials
- Soil Basics
- Fruit Gardening
- Managing Diseases
- Trees & Shrubs: Care & Pruning
- Turf
- Insects
- Bee Keeping
- And more!

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?

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: