



The Core Course to become a Missouri Master Gardener will be held in Pulaski County. The **Mission** of the Missouri Master Gardener volunteer program is to provide horticulture information and training to the gardening public - based on proven research specific to our climate, soils and plants. To learn about the proven research, we have scheduled a great agenda of topics and instructors.

The classes will be held at the Pulaski County Courthouse from 6-9 p.m., on **Mondays** from September 14 – November 16, 2009. (Due to a Monday holiday on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, this class will be held on that Tuesday). Most speakers are university professors and Extension experts that travel to our area to deliver the information. We hope the ten topics and speakers appeal to you and that you will be part of our class. Registration is underway and the class is expected soon to fill.

**Tuition** (includes the Master Gardener Guides, nametag, and university professor travel to us) is \$130 per person. A deposit of \$65 will reserve a place in the class, and the balance of \$65 would be due by October 5. If a couple would like to take the class together and share one manual, the cost for the second person would be \$100. No reservations will be taken without the deposit. To register mail a check made out to “Pulaski County Extension” to: University of Missouri Extension, Pulaski County, 301 Historic 66 East, Suite 127, Waynesville, MO 65583.

**The Missouri Master Gardener Training includes** the Core Course plus thirty hours of volunteer activities as an intern, to become a full Missouri Master Gardener. These required thirty hours are easily accomplished by attending monthly garden meetings or by assisting in an outdoor gardening educational activity and/or indoor gardening presentation activity.

Once you become a full Master Gardener, you are asked to participate in the annual twenty hours of volunteer activities. Some MGs attend monthly meetings where group education projects are planned, and some participate alone and educate the public individually. In Pulaski County, monthly meetings are held in Waynesville on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to participate in Pulaski County Master Gardener activities for your annual volunteer hours, or participate with any Master Gardener group in Missouri. In addition, Master Gardeners are transferable to other states if one relocates.

If you have questions please phone Melissa at the Extension Center at 573-774-6177, or Regional Extension Horticulture Specialist Andy Reed at 573-458-6250. If you would like to speak with a Master Gardener regarding this class, please contact Past President Anne at 573-337-1000, evenings and weekends. We look forward to meeting you.