

The Master Gardener Program originated in the University Extension Center of Seattle, Washington in 1972. With a rising interest in home gardening, the Extension staff trained local gardeners as volunteers to help answer the public's horticultural questions. The program has grown to exist in all fifty states and six Canadian provinces. Missouri's program was started in 1983 and serves 93 counties.

St. Charles County Extension started a Master Gardener Program in 1997. Its volunteers work to bring horticultural information, which is based on University of Missouri research, to the gardening public.

By organizing and volunteering in garden-related projects, Master Gardeners increase the public's understanding of gardening and enhance the beauty of St. Charles County.

The program is administered by a University of Missouri Extension Agronomist and Master Gardener Steering Committee.



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Master Gardener
Volunteer Program



People

sharing

the love

of gardening

Master Gardener volunteers enjoy making a *gardening* difference in St. Charles County. They give their time to a variety of gardening projects, both to established ones and to new ones that meet an identified need. Projects and activities may include:

Teaching gardening classes.

Consulting with teachers for school gardening projects.

Working with students in school gardens.

Designing and maintaining church gardens and subdivision common grounds.

Assisting parks with establishment and maintenance of community gardens.

Assisting friends and neighbors with home gardening questions.

Assisting with organizational needs.

Master Gardeners meet monthly to socialize, to learn and to take care of group business. Meetings often have guest speakers.



Projects established by Master Gardeners that require ongoing volunteer time include:

Demonstration Gardens

With a vision of offering hands-on learning to the general public, Master Gardeners developed different types of gardens at the St. Charles County Extension Center. The gardens give residents a place to learn about plants that do well in St. Charles County, as well as to see gardening techniques and methods. Maintenance and expansion of the gardens depends on the ideas and efforts of the Master Gardeners.

Gardening Classes

Year round gardening classes for home gardeners are given by Master Gardeners. Timely topics and hands-on demonstrations give residents a convenient, reliable way to get their gardening questions answered.

Speaker's Bureau

A willing group of Master Gardeners who enjoy sharing their knowledge with young and old alike. They give presentations to schools, clubs and organizations in the area.

You can become a Master Gardener volunteer if you enjoy gardening, learning and sharing your interest with others.

Accepted applicants agree to attend 42 hours of training and to give 30 hours of volunteer service in the year following training. Subsequent years require a minimum of 20 volunteer hours and six educational hours to remain an active Master Gardener.

Call or visit the web site for more program information, the Master Gardener application process or if you have gardening questions.

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