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The General Training Program For Master Gardener Volunteers

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What is the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program?



The UW-Extension Master Gardener Program provides horticultural training to adults who, in turn, volunteer to help with horticulture-related projects that benefit their local community or County Extension office.

How Do I Become a Certified Master Gardener Volunteer?



Attend the master gardener volunteer orientation session (required)



Sign the UWEX Master Gardener Volunteer Agreement and consent to the state background check (required)



Participate in the 12-session General Master Gardener Training course (required)



Pass the open-book take-home exam with a score of 70% or better (required)



Perform the required hours of volunteer service (36 for General Training) (required)



Attend one Madison Area Master Gardeners (MAMGA) educational session or garden tour (required)



Volunteer Service Includes (but is not limited to)



Staffing MG booths at educational events, such as the Garden Expo.



Helping with the Teaching Garden, mailings, or filing at the UWEX office.



Helping establish or maintain community gardens, green spaces, county parks projects, school gardens, botanical gardens, West Madison Ag Station, the Arboretum, etc.

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Master Gardener General Training

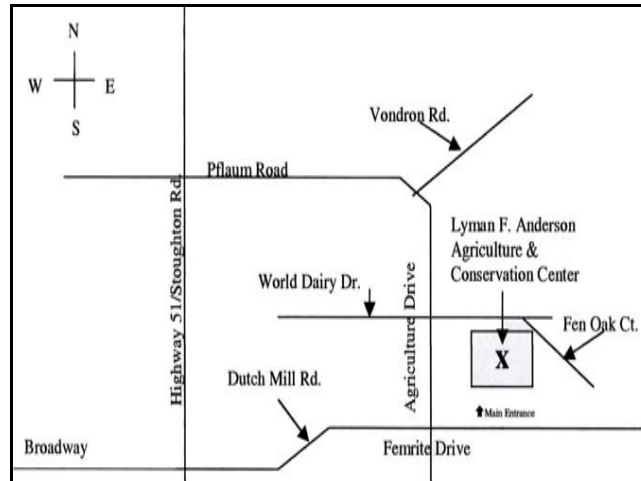
Master Gardener General Training is designed to cover many areas of horticulture for a solid foundation in many aspects of horticulture to assist master gardeners in their volunteer activities.

In Dane County, two class sections are offered from **February to July**. The entire training course consists of 13 sessions. Each class session is three hours, offered either from 6-9 pm or 9 am-noon, depending on the section you are in. Sessions are held every other week, with a few exceptions for holidays, etc. If you can't make a class, you are welcome to attend the other section instead. You are allowed to miss three classes and still graduate.

Subjects covered in the thirteen-session General Training course include (not necessarily in this order):

- Master Gardener Program Orientation
- Plant Anatomy and Taxonomy
- Plant Propagation
- Soils, Basic Lawn Care
- Introduction to Plant Diseases
- Introduction to Insects
- Weed ID and Invasive Plants
- Pesticide Safety, Plant Processes
- Tree and Shrub Planting and Pruning
- Introduction to Vegetables
- Perennial Flowers
- Annual Flowers
- Introduction to Fruits

All classes are held at the Dane County Extension Office located at 1 Fen Oak Court on Madison's east side off Agriculture Drive near Stoughton Road and the Beltline.



Required Orientation Class: You can attend either date, but must attend one in order to take the training.

Wed Feb 17: 6:00 pm-8:30 pm
Tues Feb 23: 9:00 am-11:30 am

Class Schedule Tuesday mornings (9 am-noon) starting **Tuesday, Feb 23**, continuing **3/9, 3/23, 4/6, 4/20, 5/4, 5/18, 6/1, 6/15, 6/29, 7/13 7/27 and ending 8/3.**

Class Schedule Wednesday evenings (6 pm-9 pm) starting **Wednesday, Feb 17**, continuing **3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26, 6/9, 6/23, 7/7, 7/21 and ending 7/28.**

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:
FEB 3, 2010 for TUES a.m. session
FEB 9, 2010 for WED p.m. session

Welcome to the Master Gardener Volunteer Program! Whether you are a beginning gardener or an experienced one, there is always something new to learn. We look forward to seeing you in class, and out in the community. I'm sure you'll enjoy the program!

Lisa Johnson

Spring 2010 General Master Gardener Program Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Email* _____

* If you have email, we will send your registration confirmation to you by email. We also send the monthly newsletter by email.

Please check the box in front of the section you want to attend.

Tuesday mornings (every other) starting Feb 23 at the Dane County Extension office from 9:00 am-noon.

Wednesday evenings (every other) starting Feb 17 at the Dane County Extension office from 6-9 pm.

Orientation Class: Circle the session you will attend

Tues Feb 23 9a-11:30a or Wed Feb 17 6-8:30p

Class fees are \$185; please make payable to DANE COUNTY TREASURER. If you need to break your fee into two payments, please contact Lisa Johnson at 608-224-3715.

Send the check to:
Master Gardener Registration
1 Fen Oak Ct Ste 138
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Fees include a copy of the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program Manual, handout materials, class supplies, and a one year membership in both the Madison Area Master Gardeners Association & the Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association. If you do not wish to be part of either organization, please call Lisa at 608-224-3715. If you want a copy of the Handbook for Wisconsin Gardeners, which contains many color bulletins, please add \$65.