

Summer
2008



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 projects that benefit their local community or County Extension office.

How Do I Become a Certified Master Gardener Volunteer?



Participate in the 13-session General Master Gardener Training course



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



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



Volunteer Service Includes (But Is Not Limited To):



Volunteering in County parks, school gardens, botanical gardens, etc.



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 or green spaces.

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

*Lisa Johnson
Dane County Horticulture Educator*

Master Gardener General Training

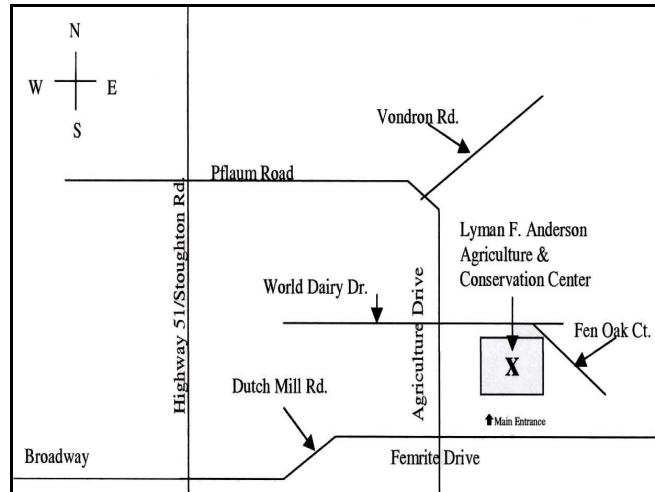
Master Gardener General Training is designed to cover many areas of horticulture to give master gardener volunteers a solid foundation in many aspects of horticulture to help them in their volunteer activities.

In Dane County, two class sections are offered from **February to July**, and one from **July to December**. The entire training course consists of 12 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.

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

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

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.



For the **July 2008 to Dec. 2008** classes the schedule is as follows:

Class Schedule Wednesday evenings (6 pm-9 pm) starting **Wednesday, July 16** and continuing **7/30, 8/13, 8/27, 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3** and ending **12/17**.

Note: As per new regulations in 2008 from the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association, a background check will be required for all new applicants to the program (and eventually, all Wisconsin master gardeners).

Summer 2008 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

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

Wednesday evenings (every other) starting July 16 at the Dane County Extension of-
fice from 6-9 pm.

Class fees are \$185; please make payable to DANE COUNTY TREASURER.

Fees include a copy of the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program Manual, and a one year membership in both the Madison Area Master Gardeners Association & the Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association.

If you want a copy of the Handbook for Wisconsin Gardeners, which contains many color bulletins, please add \$65.

Send the check to: Master Gardener Registration, 1 Fen Oak Ct., Rm 138, Madison, WI 53718-8812