

INFORMATION

Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who aid University of Wisconsin Extension staff by helping people in the community better understand horticulture and their environment.

Master Gardeners volunteer service to their community, normally within their own county, although special arrangements can be made to participate in other outside activities. A South Central Master Gardener Association has recently organized for area Master Gardeners and others interested in horticulture.

The Green County classes will be held in Monroe, WI. The registration fee is \$135 per person. Registrations are due to the Green County UW-Extension Office (608-328-9440)



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South Central Wisconsin Master Gardener Association

The South Central Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (SCWMGA) is an organization who's mission is to serve the needs of all gardeners in Green County and the surrounding area. Promoting community service through volunteer activities; horticultural education, programs and tours; exchange ideas and providing a link between the community and the UW-Extension are goals of the association.

South Central Wisconsin Master Gardener Association Officers

President—Mike Davis
Vice-President—Lynn Lokken
Treasurer—Theresa Nelson
Secretary—Norma Bader

Membership

Many of the members in the SCWMGA are certified or intern Master Gardeners that have taken, or wish to take, training to become a Master Gardener through UW-Extension classes. However, members do not have to take the training to be a member of the association.

SCWMGA Meeting Dates

Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Thursday of every month, except in the months of December and January when the group does not meet. The annual meeting of the association will be held the second Thursday in November.

Further Information on Website

Association activities and meeting dates are posted to the South Central Wisconsin Master Gardener Website at www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/green/hort/mg.html

WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM



General Training

February 9—April 27
12 Evening Sessions
6:00 - 9:00 PM

UW
Extension

2841 6th Street, Monroe, WI 53566
Phone: 608-328-9440
Email: mark.mayer@ces.uwex.edu

BECOMING A MASTER GARDENER

Who is eligible to be a Master Gardener?

Any resident of Wisconsin 18 years or older. Potential Master Gardeners should be interested in horticulture (but a formal degree is not necessary), willing to help people with their horticultural concerns, dependable, unbiased and open-minded, and be willing to provide volunteer service to their community.

How do I get started?

To participate in Master Gardener training, you must fill out a registration form and return it with payment of \$135.00 to the Green County Extension office at 2841 6th Street, Monroe, WI 53566. Criminal background checks of all NEW participants enrolling in the MG Program is a requirement. The cost for the background check is included in the \$135 participant cost. Forms will be sent to participants in late December.

Who teaches the Master Gardener classes?

The classes are taught by University personnel including Extension Specialists from the Departments of Horticulture, Plant Pathology and Entomology, horticulture educators, Extension agents and other qualified professionals.



What topics are covered in General Training?

You will receive a minimum of 36 hours of in-depth classroom training on a variety of horticulture topics. General Training Classes primarily use a video and PowerPoint



presentations for teaching with the addition of some local customized presentations.

When are classes held?

General training consists of twelve weekly classes held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The classes will run from February 9 to April 27, 2010.

Do I have to take exams?

An open-book final exam is given at the end of the training program. You must pass this exam with a minimum score of 70% to become certified as a UW-Extension Master Gardener.

What do I have to do to become a Certified Master Gardener?

To become certified, you must complete the minimum 36 hours of training, achieve a 70% or better score on the final exam, and complete at least 24 hours of volunteer service within one year of training. At the completion of all the requirements, you receive an official UW-Extension Master Gardener certificate and name badge.

What happens after I've become a Certified Master Gardener?

Recertification is required annually to remain a Master Gardener in good standing. To be recertified you must attend 10 hours of professional development and provide 24 hours of volunteer service.

SCHEDULE

All sessions (12) are on Tuesday evenings beginning February 9 and continuing through April 27 from 5:45—9:00 p.m. Program format is 5:45—6:00 p.m., classroom orientation; 6:00—8:50 p.m., Power Point/WisLine format or fiber-optics/compressed video presentation. The sessions topics are as follows:

- Introduction
- Vegetable Crops
- Introduction to Turf Management
- Entomology
- Plant Pathology
- Backyard Wildlife
- Weeds and Pest Management
- Entomology
- Fruit Crops
- Using Native Plants
- Invasive Plants
- Woody Landscape Plants
- Soils and Fertility
- Plant Propagation
- Herbaceous Annuals and Perennials



REGISTRATION

Winter/Spring 2010 Master Gardener Program

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

Email Address _____

Make check payable to UW-Extension Cost: \$135.00 per person
2841 6th Street, Monroe, WI 53566 Due Date: **December 29, 2009**

____ Yes ____ No You are willing to become a certified Master Gardener and volunteer at least 24 hours of service within one year of training? * Class membership will be given preference to those willing to be certified Master Gardeners.