

Master Gardener Program
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2017 Master Gardener Volunteer Training



March 21st to June 13th
at the
Florence Natural Resources
Center & Other Local Locations

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*Your county
extension office*

Please Read This Column

Dear Gardener:

The Master Gardener Volunteer program is designed for those who want to learn more about gardening in order to share their knowledge with others. **It is a program to train horticultural volunteers who will assist UW-Extension in sharing horticultural information with the public.** *It is much more than a general gardening class and is open to all MI and WI residents.*

The sessions build on your knowledge base of general horticultural topics while also providing interaction time and discussions of locally oriented issues within the main topic.

What are the certification requirements?

Master Gardener Volunteer certification involves attending at least 10 of the 13 training sessions, volunteering 24 hours of related community service, and completing a take-home exam.

What are some volunteer possibilities?

The possibilities for volunteering are limited only by your own ideas and time. Actual garden activities can include assisting with the work done at the Crossroads Community Garden or other demonstration plantings at town halls, community centers, and other public areas by members of the Glacial Gardener Master Gardener Volunteers' Association; or working with school or 4-H groups. Another major option is assisting with educational events such as the North Stars Garden Conference, or setting up a display at community events, or writing news articles. There are many current projects in MI with Glacial Gardeners' MGV members involved heavily, as well.

What does the fee cover?

What you are paying for is the instructional materials utilized during the course. The instruction is repaid by the volunteer hours you perform during or after course completion.

How will the program be delivered?

Via interactive discussions & presentations, hands-on skill development, small group tasks, and other activities. Scott Reuss, UW-Extension Horticulture Agent will lead most sessions, with guest speakers, as well. Dress to go outside or to work with plants/soil most sessions.

Level I Master Gardener Volunteer Schedule: Spring 2017

Sessions are on Tuesday evenings beginning March 21 and through June 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. Most sessions will have either a hands-on and/or an outdoors portion, *so please dress appropriately*. Some later sessions may be held at other local locations, weather permitting. The schedule below will probably change, but shows topics.

Registration materials need to be returned to the UWEX office by March 14 but the class may be filled prior to that date, so return them as soon as possible. If you have further questions, please call either Scott Reuss at the Marinette office (715-732-7510 toll-free 877-884-4408) or Sabrina Leffler in Florence, 715-528-4480. You can also e-mail questions to scott.reuss@ces.uwex.edu and look at our web page: <http://florence.uwex.edu>

- March 21 Introduction to the MGV Program, resources
To be used, MGV Association
- March 28 Soils and Soil Health
- April 4 Woody Landscape Plants
- April 11 Fruit Crops
- April 18 Plant Propagation
- April 25 Backyard Wildlife
- May 2 Herbaceous Perennials and Annuals
- May 9 Vegetables; Composting
- May 16 Native vs. Invasive Plants
- May 23 Weed Management; Lawn Care
- May 30 Entomology
- June 6 Plant Diseases
- June 13 Test completion, correction, and celebration.



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Registration Form

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Please make check payable to UW-Extension, and mail to:

Master Gardener Program
UW-Extension Florence County
5628 Forestry Drive
Florence, WI 54121

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: (day) _____
(evening) _____

Email: _____

Registration fee:
Individual\$95.00
Couple\$155.00

Amount Enclosed:\$_____

Upon UWEX receipt of this form, or the electronic equivalent, you will be sent a registration packet. You will need to fill out those forms prior to the first session. One of the steps in the registration process is an online form (which can be done at the UWEX office) to allow the state to conduct a criminal background check, as required by USDA for involvement in any UWEX volunteer programming.