

The Master Gardener Program

The Master Gardener Program is a volunteer training program conducted annually by the University of Maryland Carroll County Extension. Volunteers are instructed in the following areas:

- Botany
- Entomology
- Soils
- Vegetable Gardening
- Native/Invasive Plants
- Trees and Shrubs
- Plant Pathology
- Lawn Care
- Pest Management
- Baywise Gardening
- Perennials
- Insects / Pests
- Pesticide Safety & Fertilizers
- Plant ID
- Composting

A new approach to Master Gardener Training

Carroll County Master Gardener Training has changed in the past few years. The new model is:

- First, complete one of the three **one day volunteer** trainings this winter. These trainings are only available to county residents interested in becoming Master Gardeners.

- Then, as a new Master Gardener trainee, you will need to achieve at least 30 hours of approved volunteer work with current Master Gardeners to be eligible for the full Master Gardener training program in the fall (training dates listed on registration portion of this brochure).

Volunteer training, paperwork, and the completion of at least 30 approved volunteer hours must be done prior to the “September – October” Master Gardener Training.



University of Maryland Extension programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, gender, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin.

If you have a disability that requires special assistance for your participation in a program, please contact the Carroll County Extension Office at 410-386-2760, Fax: 410-876-0132, one month prior to the program.

Upcoming Carroll County Master Gardener Volunteer Training

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February 28th, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Benefits

Gain personal satisfaction from “helping people to help themselves”.

Develop a network of gardening friends that speak your language.

Exposure to a wide variety of different horticulture topics.

Special training offered throughout the year by University of Maryland faculty.

Meet and work with other people interested in Horticulture.

Receive Master Gardener newsletters and publications.

Various social gatherings and plant swaps.

Learn new skills and hone old ones.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Horticultural Therapy
- Demonstration Gardens
- “Ask a Master Gardener” Clinics
- General Research
- Presentations to the public
- Baywise Program
- School Age Educational Outreach
- Heirloom Vegetable Outreach
- Home Food Production
- Training Developmentally Disabled
- Other opportunities as they arise.

Expectations

- Professionalism by following the guidelines and procedures set forth by the University of Maryland Extension.
- 30 hours of approved volunteer activities prior to the Fall training in Carroll County and then an additional 10 hours to receive a Master Gardener certificate.
- 20 hours of volunteer activities for subsequent years to remain active in the program.



Registration for Volunteer Training and the Full Fall Master Gardener Training

The fee for the September – October 2012 Master Gardener Training will be \$260.00. Participants will receive a Master Gardener Manual and handouts. **Do not send payment at this time. There is no charge for the Volunteer Trainings** For more information about this program, please contact Stephen Allgeier, Master Gardener Coordinator at 410-386-2776 or hortman@umd.edu.

Please fill out the form below to register for the Volunteer Training & subsequent Fall Master Gardener Training:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Training Date to Attend: _____

Applicants must complete the volunteer training and volunteer a minimum of 30 hours prior to the September – October Fall Master Gardener Training in order to be eligible for the full Fall training. The Fall Training will take place on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, starting September 11 and running through October 23 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.