

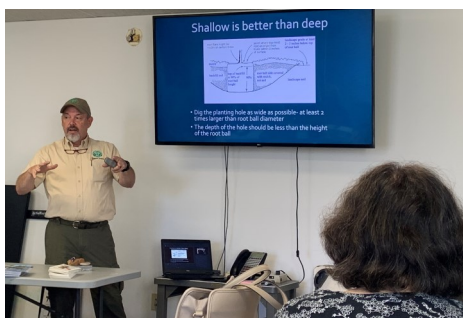
Who are the Master Gardeners?

Master Gardeners are members of the local community who take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens. They are enthusiastic, willing to learn and to help others, and able to communicate with diverse groups of people.

What really sets Master Gardeners apart



from other home gardeners is their special training in horticulture. In exchange for their training, persons who become Master Gardeners contribute time as volunteers, working through their U of A Cooperative Extension Service office to provide horticultural-related information to their communities.



Still have questions?

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How do I benefit from the Master Gardener Program?



Through the initial training program and subsequent advanced Master Gardener training sessions and workshops, you will become a more knowledgeable gardener. As part of your training, you will receive many publications and other related materials. You will be able to attend Master Gardener workshops

around the state as well as national conferences. Through special seminars and workshops, Master Gardeners are kept current on gardening information and methods. You will travel with other Master Gardeners to interesting gardens and nurseries. And finally, you will meet people who share your interest in gardening and desire to help others.

Is Master Gardening for You?

- Would I love to learn more about gardening?
- Would I like to participate in a practical and intensive training program?
- Would I love to share my knowledge and engage with my community?
- Do I have enough time to attend training and to complete the volunteer service?

If you answered yes to these questions, the Master Gardener program could be for you.

Training

If accepted into the Five Rivers Master Gardener program, you will attend a Master Gardener training course. A minimum of 40 hours of education is given on subjects including annuals, perennials, vines, trees, shrubs, vegetables, fruits and other horticulture related subjects. Classes are a traditional lecture format with teachers and speakers from different areas of the state. Cost of training materials: \$125.00.



Volunteer Commitment

In exchange for the training, participants are asked to volunteer time to their County Extension program. After training, Master Gardeners are qualified to work under the supervision of the local county Extension Agent as a Master Gardener. New Master Gardeners are required to volunteer a minimum of 40 hours of working time to the county Cooperative Extension Service and Master Gardener program during the year after training. They must also gain 20 hours of learning or education. In each subsequent year they must gain 20 hours of work time and 20 hours of learning time.

Activities

Volunteer activities can vary from year to year and may include:

- Public gardens, demonstration gardens
- School gardens
- Garden festivals
- Plant sales
- Workshops & seminars
- Presentations
- Plant clinics
- Display booths



Certification

Participants become certified Master Gardeners after they have completed the training course and fulfilled their volunteer commitment.