



## The Missouri Master Gardener Program

The mission of the Missouri Master Gardener program is: "Helping Others Learn to Grow."

As part of the outreach efforts of University of Missouri Extension, Master Gardeners involve people in improving the quality of life, and enhancing the economy and environment through horticulture education, applied research, and the resources of the University of Missouri and Lincoln University.

### *Grow with us*



Each year the group recruits new members who are committed to volunteering their time.

That is why an interest in community service is just as important as any gardening expertise.

Trained Master Gardener interns are encouraged to participate in monthly Master Gardener meetings and activities. There are several groups in the area. The Greene County Master Gardeners are active in the Greene County area.

**Learn more about the Greene County Missouri Master Gardeners at:**

<http://extension.missouri.edu/greene/mgg/index.htm>

## Who are Master Gardeners?

Master Gardeners are adults of all ages who love gardening and who have previous gardening experience.

Master Gardeners are members of the local community who are interested in lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers, gardens, and the environment.

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## UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI **MU** Extension Master Gardener

**2011**

### **Training Program**

Fun and informative classes for gardeners of all skill levels



**12 Sessions**

**January 25-March 3, 2011**

**1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Classes will be held at  
Springfield/Greene County  
Botanical Center,  
2400 S. Scenic  
Springfield, MO 65807**

## Join the Master Gardener Volunteer Program

### Why become a Master Gardener Volunteer?

The Master Gardener Volunteer program is an opportunity for individuals to learn and share knowledge with others.

Each person entering the program agrees to a time commitment to the Master Gardener Program. This consists of at least 30 hours of approved activities the first year and 20 hours each year following to maintain their Master Gardener status. Following training, Master Gardener interns are encouraged to join an existing Master Gardener group for organized educational efforts.

### Who may become a Master Gardener Volunteer?

A candidate for the Master Gardener program volunteer is any one with ability and willingness to donate volunteer hours to the University of Missouri education programs.

### Volunteer Activities

Volunteers may engage in a variety of interesting educational activities that benefit the community as well as individuals and their families.

Examples of activities may include planning community projects and educational programs, giving presentations to groups, conducting youth or senior gardening activities, assisting with a Master Gardener hotline or conducting gardening demonstrations.



### Training

Master Gardener candidates receive at least 30 hours of basic horticulture training on a wide variety of topics taught by University of Missouri Extension Specialists and other qualified professionals.

## Class Subjects

Each class is a 3 hour in-depth discussion, with experts covering all aspects of the topics.

Introduction: What is Horticulture

Plant Propagation

Basic Botany

Woody Landscape Plants

Trees in the Landscape

Soils and Nutrition

Fruits

Annuals & Perennials

Vegetables

Landscape Design

Plant Diseases

Insects

Lawns & Turf

The class will tour several gardens, including the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden and the Master Gardener Xeriscape Garden

