

What is the Extension Master Gardener Program?

The Extension Master Gardener Program is a national program of trained volunteers who work in partnership with their county



Cooperative Extension Office to extend research-based information throughout the community. The first Extension Master Gardener Program was started in

Washington State in 1972. Forty-six states now have Master Gardener Programs with over 18,000 people participating nationwide and in Canada.

The Extension Master Gardener Program provides gardeners with intensive education in horticultural principles. Participants completing training are certified as Extension Master Gardener Volunteers.

Extension Master Gardeners provide volunteer leadership and service to their community in gardening activities. This service can consist of answering gardening questions by telephone, conducting plant clinics, beautifying the community, and other activities that promote gardening.

In North Carolina, Extension Master Gardeners are sponsored by North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

How Do I Become an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer?

The desire to help others is the first requirement. A personal commitment to complete the required training and to serve a minimum of 40 volunteer service hours after completion is equally important. Volunteer hours are flexible depending on interest and time available.

To place your name on the list of those interested in becoming an Extension Master Gardener, complete the form in this brochure and mail it to Joanna Radford, Surry County Extension Center. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 1:00-4:30 p.m. beginning on January 18th, 2023 for eleven weeks. Cost is \$100 to cover materials. Space is limited.

How Do I Benefit From The Extension Master Gardener Program?

Through the initial training program and subsequent advanced Extension 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 Extension Master Gardener workshops around the State as well as international conferences. Through special seminars and workshops, Extension Master Gardeners are kept current on gardening information and methods. You will travel with other Surry County Extension Master Gardeners to interesting gardens and nurseries. And finally, you will meet many people who share your interest in gardening and desire to help others.

Is This Program Right For You?

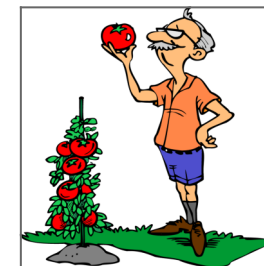


Have You Ever:

- * Had a vegetable or flower garden?
- * Renovated a lawn, pruned trees or shrubs?
- * Maintained a home orchard?

Do You Enjoy:

- * Meeting and talking with people?
- * Searching for answers to questions that you or others have?
- * Attending educational classes on a wide range of horticultural topics?
- * Sharing your expertise and time with others?



Volunteers work with their Extension Agent to determine which opportunities will make the best use of their time, talents, and interests and meet the needs of Cooperative Extension's Educational Programs.

Return This Completed Form To:

N.C. Cooperative Extension
Attention: Joanna Radford, Extension Agent
Commercial and Consumer Horticulture
PO Box 324
Dobson, NC 27017

Please send me an
Extension Master Gardener Application.
(Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

All persons requiring special assistance in attending any session should contact the Extension Office (336-401-8025) at least one week in advance.

The North Carolina Cooperative Extension

The N.C. Cooperative Extension, Surry County Center is a branch of NC State University and N.C. A&T State University. Its mission is to educate the citizens of the County through informal educational opportunities by providing practical information gain through the latest research in agriculture, family consumer science, 4-H and youth, and community and rural development.

People are encourage to use this information to enhance the quality of their lives and those of their families. The N.C. Cooperative Extension is funded by county, state, and federal levels of government.



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