



The Texas Master Gardener Program

The Master Gardener program is a volunteer development program of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. These Master volunteers receive in-depth horticultural training. In return, they provide volunteer service through Extension by delivering horticultural and environmental education and projects to their communities. Program participants should be able to communicate with the public by telephone, personal contact, as a speaker or through written correspondence.

A trainee receives a minimum of 50 hours of instruction and completes an examination to gain the title of "Master Gardener Intern." Interns have one calendar year from course completion to contribute 50 hours of volunteer service in approved Extension initiated projects. Participants then become a Certified Texas Master Gardener for 1 year, after which time he/she maintains certification as a Master Gardener through annual service of 12 volunteer hours and each year acquires 6 hours of continuing education. The volunteer aspect of the Master Gardener program allows individuals to dedicate their time and talents to educate, enhance, and beautify their local community utilizing the science and art of horticulture.

2023 MASTER GARDENER CLASS APPLICATION

Classes will be conducted predominately on Thursdays at the Extension Office Auditorium in Longview, from approximately 9:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Some classes will be in satellite locations.

A fee of \$125.00 is charged for training materials and is payable in full at the first class meeting (make check payable to Gregg Master Gardener Association). *NOTE: A background check is required on all applicants participating in the Master Gardeners program. The fee for this service is part of your registration fee.*

I would like to serve as a Master Gardener Volunteer in Gregg County. I understand that Master Gardeners are trained volunteers and community educators, who share their horticultural knowledge and gardening experience with their fellow citizens. In order to complete certification:

- I will volunteer a minimum of 50 hours in Extension initiated education programs.
- I will complete the classroom training course including an exam.
- I understand to recertify annually, I must volunteer a minimum of 12 hours in approved Gregg County Master Gardener Extension initiated programs, plus 6 hours of continuing education.
- I agree to a background check (required of all Texas AgriLife Extension volunteers)

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Gregg County Master Gardener Training Application

Email: _____

Will you be able to complete at least 50 or more volunteer hours? Yes _____ No _____

When are you most likely to be available to volunteer for projects?

Monday – Friday Morning Afternoon Evening
Saturday Morning Afternoon Evening

The Gregg County Master Gardeners are involved in a wide range of projects. Please mark your degree of interest in these programs. Indicate 1 (low) thru 5 (high).

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| _____ Environmental Programs | _____ Photography & History |
| _____ Fund Raising | _____ Demonstration Gardens |
| _____ Clerical Work | _____ Water Conservation Programs |
| _____ Landscaping & Restoration | _____ Developing Displays |
| _____ Computer Work | _____ Youth Garden Programs |
| _____ Newsletter & Publication | _____ Educational presentation |
| _____ Community Events | _____ Other, please explain below |

YOUR GARDENING EXPERIENCE (Answer all questions as completely as possible):

1. Total years of gardening experience _____

2. Years of gardening _____

Areas of experience and training: (circle all that are applicable)

Propagation: Seeding Cuttings Other _____

Container Gardening: Yes No

Soils: Yes No

Trees: Yes No

Turf: Yes No

Other: _____

Have you grown:			What?
Bulbs	Yes	No	_____
Vegetables	Yes	No	_____
Roses	Yes	No	_____
Herbs	Yes	No	_____
Perennials	Yes	No	_____
Fruit	Yes	No	_____
Nut	Yes	No	_____
Annuals	Yes	No	_____
Tropicals	Yes	No	_____

Plant(s) or areas of special interest and experience:

Gregg County Master Gardener Training Application

Related areas of expertise and/or a “working” knowledge (ie, plant pathology, composting, rainwater harvesting, entomology, native plants, birds, butterflies, etc.):

What special talents or skills do you have (Computer Skills, Photography, Writing, Art, Public Speaking/Teaching, Grant Writing, Fund Raising, speak a second language, love working with children, etc.):

What is your experience with volunteer or community organizations?

For how long? _____

Why are you interested in the Master Gardener’s Program?

I understand that the Master Gardener program is a program sponsored by the Gregg County office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Furthermore, that the Gregg County Master Gardener Association is a nonprofit (501C3) educational service organization of volunteers trained in horticulture, landscaping, soil improvement, water conservation and other subjects of importance to Texas gardeners. I understand that Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service coordinates Master Gardeners who provide leadership to this association while providing a variety of educational programs in conjunction with the Gregg County office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

I understand that as a Certified Texas Master Gardener, I represent the following organizations – Gregg County, the Gregg County office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and will adhere to their policies and guidelines.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For questions, please call Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at (903) 236-8429 and ask for Shaniqua Davis.

Individuals with a disability needing an accommodation should contact the Extension office, 903-236-8429, at least 7 days in advance so that we can best be prepared to assist.

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating