

Volunteers in Horticulture

2019 Master Gardener Volunteer Training



April 4th to June 20th
at the
Riverview Town Hall
(15471 Hwy. 32, Mountain, WI)



Please Read This Column

Dear Gardener:

The Master Gardener Volunteer program is designed for those who want to learn more about gardening in order to share their knowledge with others. **It is a program to train horticultural volunteers who will assist UW-Extension in sharing horticultural information with the public.** *It is much more than a general gardening class.*

The sessions build on your knowledge base of general horticultural topics while also providing interaction time and discussions of locally oriented issues within the main topic.

What are the certification requirements?

Master Gardener Volunteer certification involves attending training sessions, volunteering 24 hours of related community service, and completing a take-home exam.

What are some volunteer possibilities?

The possibilities for volunteering are limited only by your own ideas and time. Actual garden activities can include assisting with the work done at Harmony Arboretum or other demonstration plantings at town halls, community centers, and other public areas by members of the Northern Lights Master Gardener Association; or working with school or 4-H groups. Another major option is assisting with educational events such as the Northern Lights Spring Garden Conference, or setting up a display at community events, or writing news articles.

Whether you like working most with people or with plants, there are activities that you can do to fulfill the volunteer hours requirement.

What does the fee cover?

What you are paying for is the instructional materials utilized during the course. The instruction is repaid by the volunteer hours you perform during or after course completion.

How will the program be delivered?

Via interactive discussions & presentations, hands-on skill development, small group tasks, and other activities. Scott Reuss, UW-Extension Horticulture Agent, will lead most sessions; with guest speakers, as well. Dress to go outside or to work with plants/soil most sessions.

Level I Master Gardener Volunteer Schedule: Spring 2019

Sessions are on Thursday evenings beginning April 4 and through June 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. Most sessions will have either a hands-on and/or an outdoors portion, *so please dress appropriately*. Some later sessions may be held at alternative sites, weather permitting. The schedule below will probably change, but shows topics.

Registration materials should be returned to the UWEX office by March 28, 2019 but the class may be filled prior to that date, so return them as soon as possible. If you have further questions, please call Scott Reuss at the Marinette office (715-732-7510 toll-free 877-884-4408). You can also e-mail questions to scott.reuss@ces.uwex.edu and look at our web page: <http://marinette.uwex.edu>

- April 4 The MGV Program and Backyard Wildlife
- April 11 Soils and Soil Health
- April 18 Woody Landscape Plants
- April 25 Fruit Crops
- May 2 Vegetables and Composting
- May 9 Herbaceous Perennials and Annuals
- May 16 Lawn Care; Herbs
- May 23 Using Native Plants
- May 30 Weed Management and Invasive Plants
- June 6 Entomology; Plant Problem Troubleshooting
- June 13 Plant Diseases
- June 20 Test completion, correction, celebration, and Upcoming activities.



NOTE: Many nights will include mini-topics regarding Being an MGV, and Plant Propagation Methods will be demonstrated multiple nights.



The University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX requirements. To ensure equal access, please make requests for reasonable accommodations as soon as possible prior to the program.

Registration Form

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Please make check payable to UW-Extension, and mail to:

Master Gardener Program
 UW-Extension Marinette County
 1926 Hall Avenue
 Marinette, WI 54143

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: (day) _____

(evening) _____

Email: _____

Registration fee:

Individual\$95.00

Couple\$155.00

Amount Enclosed:\$_____

Upon UWEX receipt of this form, or the electronic equivalent, you will be sent a registration packet. You will need to fill out those forms prior to the first session. One of the steps in the registration process is a form that is sent to the State MGV Coordinator to allow her to conduct a criminal background check, as required by USDA for involvement in any UWEX volunteer programming.