

2013



Level 1 Training Program For Master Gardener Volunteers



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What is the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program?



The UW-Extension Master Gardener Program provides horticultural training to adults who, in turn, volunteer to help with horticulture-related projects that benefit their local community or County Extension office.

How Do I Become a Certified Master Gardener Volunteer?



Attend the master gardener volunteer orientation session (required)



Sign the UWEX Master Gardener Volunteer Agreement and consent to the state background check (required)



Attend the 16-session Level 1 Master Gardener Training course and pass the open-book take-home exam with a score of 70% or better (required)



Perform the required 24 hours of volunteer service BY THE END OF THE COURSE. 12 hrs are due by JULY 1 in order to finish classes, 6 hrs of 24 to be done in Teaching Garden at UWEX, 6 hours to be done at an assigned location



Attend one Madison Area Master Gardeners (MAMGA) educational session or garden tour during the course (required)



Volunteer Service may include:

- Staffing MG booths at educational events, such as the Garden Expo.
- Work at the Teaching Garden, seeding, websites, filing, etc. at the UWEX office, answering gardening questions at farmer's markets, giving presentations.
- Helping establish or maintain community gardens, green spaces, county parks projects, school gardens, botanical gardens, the Arboretum, Allen Centennial Garden, Community Groundworks, etc.

Master Gardener Volunteer General Training

Master Gardener Volunteer General Training is designed to cover many areas of horticulture for a solid foundation in horticultural practices to assist master gardeners in their volunteer activities.

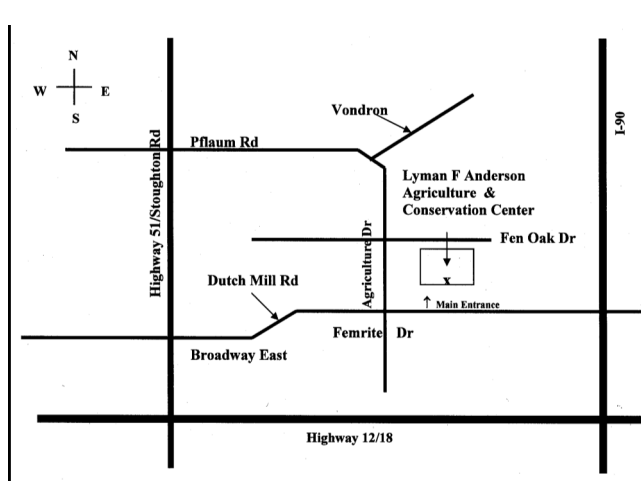
In Dane County, two class sections are offered from February to Aug. The entire course consists of 16 sessions.

Each class is three hours, offered either from 6-9 pm or 9 am-noon, depending on the section you are in. Classes are held every other week, with some exceptions for holidays, etc. If you can't make a class, you are welcome to attend the other section instead. You are allowed to miss three classes and still certify.

Subjects covered in the 16-session General Training course include (not necessarily in this order):

- Master Gardener Orientation
- Plant Anatomy and Taxonomy
- Plant Propagation
- Soils and Composting
- Introduction to Plant Diseases
- Introduction to Insects
- Weed ID and Invasive Plants
- Pesticide Safety, Plant Processes
- Tree & Shrub Planting and Pruning
- Introduction to Vegetables
- Perennial Flowers, Annual Flowers
- Fruit Trees, Organic Techniques
- Houseplants, Pesticide Safety
- Growing Berries, Lawn Care

All classes are held at the Dane County Extension Office located at 5201 Fen Oak Dr on Madison's east side off Agriculture Dr near Stoughton Rd and the Beltline. Rm A/B 1st floor.



Orientation Class: You can attend either date, but one is required to take the training.

Tues Feb 19: 9:00 am-11:30 am

Wed Feb 27: 6:00 pm-8:30 pm

Note: Basic computer skills (email and internet searching) are required for MGVT training. Occasional evening or weekend work may be required as well.

Class Schedule Tuesday mornings (9 am-12) starting **Tues Feb 19**, continuing 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 4/30, 5/14, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 8/6, 8/20, ending 8/27.

Class Schedule Wednesday evenings (6 pm-9 pm) starting **Wed, Feb 27**, continuing 3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/1, 5/15, 5/22, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/17, 7/31, 8/7, 8/21 ending 8/28.

Welcome to the Master Gardener Volunteer Program! Whether you are a beginning gardener or an experienced one, there is always something new to learn. I look forward to seeing you in class!

Lisa Johnson

Dane County UWEX Horticulture Educator

2013 Level 1 Master Gardener Program Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Email—required to take the course _____

2013 ON-LINE Registration (additional fees apply)
<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3910630802>

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

FEB 12, 2013 for TUES. a.m. sessions

FEB 20, 2013 for WED. p.m. sessions

Please check the box in front of the section you want to attend.

☐ Tuesday mornings starting Feb. 19 at the Dane County Extension office from 9:00 am-noon.

☐ Wednesday evenings starting Feb. 27 at the Dane County Extension office from 6-9 pm.

Orientation Class: Circle the session you will attend

☐ Tues Feb 19 9-11:30am ☐ Wed Feb 27 6-8:30pm

Class fees are \$225; checks payable to DANE COUNTY TREASURER. If you need to break your fee into two payments of 112.50, the 2nd half of the payment is due by April 30, 2013.

Send the check to:

Master Gardener Registration

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Fees include a copy of the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program Manual, handout materials, class supplies, and a membership in both the Madison Area Master Gardeners Association & the Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association. If you do not wish to be part of either organization, please call Lisa at 608-224-3715. If you want a copy of the Handbook for Wisconsin Gardeners, which contains many color bulletins, please add \$65.