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Dear Gardener,

Thank you for your interest in the Jackson County Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener™ Program. OSU Extension Service agents and specialists train volunteers to provide research-based gardening information to the public. To become an OSU Master Gardener, you must complete the training program plus 70 hours of volunteer service, and pass a take-home final exam. Following completion of the program, Master Gardeners are strongly encouraged to continue volunteering with the Master Gardener Program and the Jackson Co. Master Gardener Association. To maintain certification year after year, Masters Gardeners must complete 30 hours of volunteer service.

Part one of the program consists of classroom training in botany, soil science, insect and disease diagnosis and mitigation, horticulture, lawns, home orchards, vegetable gardening methods, and more. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 9 am to 4 pm (with a one hour lunch break), at the OSU Extension Auditorium at 569 Hanley Rd, Central Point. Students will also participate in a 3-hour weekly Practicum on a day of their choice. The Master Gardener Class and Practicum will run January 15, 2019 through May 11, 2019.

Part two of the program consists of 70 educational service hours. Of the required volunteer hours, at least 20 hours must be in the Master Gardener Plant Clinic, which operates in the Jackson County Extension Office and at the Growers Markets in Medford. Other required hours include 21 hours in the demonstration gardens, and at least 14 will be completed from the built-in Practicum sessions. You can choose from several other options for the remaining 15 hours.

The cost of the program is \$300, which includes a copy of *Sustainable Gardening*, a comprehensive 500-page reference manual prepared specifically for the Oregon Master Gardener Program. Payment plans and a limited number of scholarships are available.

If you feel you will have difficulty attending all the classes and Practicum sessions or completing the 70 hours of volunteer time, you may wish to postpone the program until your schedule will permit full participation. Students who do not finish their volunteer time requirement will be billed for an additional prorated fee of \$10 per hour for every hour of volunteer service not completed.

Alternatives to the full Master Gardener Program include a non-volunteer option, which involves only the classroom and Practicum portion of the training, for \$700. Students receive a Certificate of Home Horticulture, but will not be certified as Master Gardeners. Completing the training on-line and then completing volunteer service is also an option. On-line program information is at <http://pne.oregonstate.edu/catalog/master-gardener-online>.

Please feel free to contact Erika Szonntag, Master Gardener Coordinator with any questions. She can be reached at 541-776-7371, or erika.szonntag@oregonstate.edu.

Thanks and hope to see you in class!

Jackson County Master Gardener Program Orientation

All prospective Master Gardeners students are required to attend a short orientation session before the class begins. Please indicate on the registration form which session you will attend. All sessions are from 11 am to 1 pm.

If none of the sessions work with your schedule,
call or email Erika Szonntag to make alternative arrangements
(541-776-7371); erika.szonntag@oregonstate.edu

Date	<i>Check which session you will attend</i>
Tues Dec 11	
Thurs Dec 13	
Tues Dec 18	
Tues Jan 7	
Thurs Jan 9	

Please also indicate your scheduled orientation time on your registration form.

The orientation meeting will be at the Extension Office at 569 Hanley Rd., Central Point, OR.



OSU Extension Master Gardener™ 2018 Registration

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name as you would like it on your nametag _____

Address, City, Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Retired? Yes No If yes, former occupation _____

The OSU Extension Master Gardener™ program is both an **educational** program and a **community service** program. A Master Gardener should be interested in learning more about gardening, but also must be willing and interested in sharing their knowledge with others, and be able to fulfill a volunteer commitment of 70 service hours over the 2018 season. Prior knowledge or experience is useful but not required.

Continued service in the Master Gardener Program and the Jackson County Master Gardener Association is strongly encouraged. Many graduates find close friends in the Master Gardener community as well as personal satisfaction and fulfillment in continuing community service.

1. Why do you want to be an OSU Extension Master Gardener?

2. What are your experiences and previous education in gardening and horticulture related subjects?

3. The Master Gardener program has learning opportunities for both beginning gardeners as well as advanced gardeners. Do you consider yourself a beginner at gardening or do you have years of experience, and consider yourself advanced? Please self-select which group you identify with.
Please circle one: I am a beginner gardener or I am an advanced gardener

4. In what ways could you best contribute to the Master Gardener program? For example, teaching, youth projects, support activities with the Master Gardener Association, etc.? Do you have teaching or public speaking experience?

5. Describe previous volunteer experience:

6. What are your skills/talents/hobbies? Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> Editing	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Website Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer/Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Database Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Preparation	<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design
<input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning

() Others, specify _____

7. How did you learn about the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program?
8. Can you commit to attending the Master Gardener training-9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Wednesdays, January 16 through April 17 (14 weeks) and a three-hour Practicum session each week through May 11 (15 weeks)?
Please check: Yes No
9. Can you arrange your schedule so that you can volunteer at least 70 hours by October 31, 2019 in the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program? Volunteer opportunities occur primarily on weekdays, and only occasionally on weekends or evenings.

Please check: Yes No If no, see the *OPTION TWO: NON-VOLUNTEER APPLICATION*.

APPLICANT AGREEMENT	
Select an option and sign in the appropriate column below.	
OPTION ONE: VOLUNTEER OPTION	OPTION TWO: NON-VOLUNTEER OPTION
I understand that if I am accepted into the program as an OSU Extension Master Gardener Trainee, I agree to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attend all hours of OSU Extension Master Gardener Training and Practicum.Follow the principles and practices of the OSU Extension ServiceCommit to at least 70 hours of volunteer service as an OSU Extension Master Gardener, which will be completed by October 31, 2019. I also understand that if my volunteer hours are NOT completed, I will be billed for and will remit payment for an additional prorated fee of \$10 per hour for every hour of volunteer service not completed, up to \$700.	I cannot arrange my schedule to contribute 70 hours of my time as a volunteer in the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program. Therefore, I understand that if I am accepted into the program, I elect to pay the Non-Volunteer Fee of \$700 to receive the classroom training and Certificate of Home Horticulture. I understand that I will not become a certified OSU Extension Master Gardener.
<i>I hereby agree to the terms stated in OPTION ONE and submit a payment for \$300 before the start of the Master Gardener Training.</i>	I also agree to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attend all hours of OSU Extension Master Gardener TrainingAttend weekly Practicum sessions <i>I hereby agree to the terms stated in OPTION TWO and submit a payment for \$700 along with my completed application.</i>
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Date _____

Make check out to OSU Extension. Please do not send cash.
Please complete this application and return it with your payment to:

OSU Extension Service
Southern Oregon Research & Extension Center
569 Hanley Rd.
Central Point, OR 97502

I will attend an orientation session on (date and time) _____

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