



THE MISSION OF THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM IS A VOLUNTEER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP WITH VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION (VCE) DEDICATED TO WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND HORTICULTURE PRACTICES THROUGH SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT.

AS A MASTER GARDENER, YOU ARE JOINING A UNIQUE GROUP OF VOLUNTEER EDUCATORS TO PROMOTE; INFORM; AND WORK WITH COMMUNITIES, LEADERS, INDUSTRY, AND INDIVIDUALS PRESENTING PROGRAMS ON ALL ASPECTS OF HORTICULTURE TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT.



FOR AN APPLICATION AND FEE SCHEDULE, CONTACT:

FLUVANNA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER WEBSITE:
WWW.FLUVANNAMG.ORG

MASTER GARDENER TRAINING COMMITTEE RECRUITER:
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FLUVANNA COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE AT (434) 591-1950



ARE YOU MASTER GARDENER MATERIAL?

- ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GARDENING?
- ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY?
- DO YOU ENJOY TALKING TO THE PUBLIC?
- DO YOU LIKE MAKING NEW FRIENDS?

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IF THE ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS IS YES, THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM MAY BE RIGHT FOR YOU.

LET'S GET STARTED...



THE FIRST STEP...

ENROLLING IN THE MASTER GARDENER TRAINING CLASS:

THE PALMYRA OFFICE OF VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WILL OFFER THE MASTER GARDENER TRAINING CLASS BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2012.

THE TRAINING CLASS IS HELD FROM 9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE FLUVANNA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED!

TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION AND FEE SCHEDULE, CONTACT THE FLUVANNA COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE AT (434) 591-1950, OR EMAIL THE TRAINING COMMITTEE RECRUITER AT JANICEH21@GMAIL.COM

THE SECOND STEP...

ATTENDING THE CLASS:

IN THE CLASS YOU WILL RECEIVE 50-HOURS OF CLASSROOM AND FIELD INSTRUCTION ON SUBJECTS SUCH AS:

- ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS
- COMPOSTING
- TREES AND SHRUBS
- PESTS AND DISEASES
- LAWNS
- VEGETABLES

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE



THE FINAL STEP (YOU'RE ALMOST THERE)...

COMPLETING THE INTERNSHIP

UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF YOUR CLASSROOM TRAINING, YOU WILL BECOME A MASTER GARDENER INTERN. TO RISE TO THE LEVEL OF MASTER GARDENER, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM 50 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER WORK ASSISTING WITH HORTICULTURE PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES TO EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITY, PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, AND REFER QUESTIONS TO APPROPRIATE AGENCIES.

CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'VE MADE IT!

WHY WORK THIS HARD TO BECOME A MASTER GARDENER?

AS A MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER, YOU WILL HELP WITH HORTICULTURE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE THE COMMUNITY, PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, AND EDUCATE OTHERS. IT IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS, SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY, HELP BUILD A GREENER PLANET, AND MEET THE CHALLENGES OF GARDENING IN CENTRAL VIRGINIA.

EXAMPLES OF MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- WORKING IN INFORMATION BOOTHS AT COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FAIRS
- MAINTAINING DEMONSTRATION GARDENS
- ANSWERING GARDEN QUESTIONS AT PLANT CLINICS
- TEACHING HORTICULTURE TO BEGINNING GARDENERS AND YOUTH

- USING SPECIAL TALENTS, SUCH AS WRITING AND PHOTOGRAPHY, TO BENEFIT THE PROGRAM
- PROVIDING GARDENING INFORMATION AT THE FLUVANNA FARMERS MARKET
- MANNING THE COUNTY EXTENSION HELP DESK
- MANAGING THE COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS AT PLEASANT GROVE
- GROWING AN ARRAY OF VEGETABLES FOR THE MACAA FOOD BANK.

AND THERE'S MORE...

ONCE YOU BECOME A MASTER GARDENER, THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE. IN ADDITION TO THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE SHARED BY YOUR FELLOW MASTER GARDENERS, YOU CAN ATTEND LECTURES, TRAINING SESSIONS, AND, POSSIBLY, THE WEEK-LONG MASTER GARDENER COLLEGE AT VIRGINIA TECH.

YES, YOU ARE MASTER GARDENER MATERIAL....WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN THE CLASSROOM!