

# ISU Extension Master Gardener Program Application

(Please answer all questions as completely as possible.)

Personal experience or interest in gardening. Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Related training or experience in flowers, vegetables, ornamentals, lawns, houseplants, greenhouses, hydroponics, etc. Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Related hobbies, areas of specialization (i.e., ornamentals, vegetables, greenhouses, houseplants, commercial fruits. Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other volunteer programs with which you are, or have been affiliated (i.e., Scouts, 4-H, church, American Red Cross, United Way, etc.). Explain briefly what you did. \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have a volunteer project in mind? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Master Gardener*

## Winter 2010 Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
January 12-March 9  
6:15-9:30 p.m. in Room #209  
And one Saturday at ISU, Ames

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## What is an Extension Master Gardener?

Extension Master Gardeners are local people who take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers, and gardens. They are enthusiastic, willing to learn, and able to communicate with diverse groups of people.

What really sets them apart from others is their special training in horticulture. In return for the training, they become Iowa State University (ISU) Extension Master Gardeners who spend time as volunteers working through our local Woodbury County Extension office to provide horticulture related information to our community.

## What about the training?

Woodbury County Extension Master Gardener classes are taught by ISU Extension staff and specialists. The program offers approximately 40 hours of instruction that covers the



following topics: herbaceous ornamentals, vegetables, entomology and plant pathology, landscape trees and shrubs, turfgrass management, tree and small fruits, pesticide safety and integrated pest management, houseplants, animal ecology, botany and soils, ponds, container gardening, and plant propagation.

The training will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays January 12 through March 9. Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Woodbury County Extension. There will be one Saturday class at Iowa State University in Ames.

## Cost and Commitment

The cash cost of the program is \$155. This cost covers the materials supplied as a part of the course. In addition, in exchange for the training, participants are expected to **volunteer a minimum of 40 hours** to the Woodbury County Extension

Master Gardener program.

The type of volunteer service done by Extension Master Gardeners and Master Gardener Interns varies. Some answer telephone requests for information, and others have worked with community groups on horticultural programs. Extension Master Gardeners and Master Gardener Interns are sometimes requested to speak to groups. They are only restricted by their own imagination in the types of projects they conduct.



## Certification

Participants become official ISU Extension Master Gardeners after completing 40 or more hours of volunteer service. While class members are completing the volunteer service, they are Master Gardener Interns. There also is written work based on the material presented during the classes.

Extension Master Gardeners are considered active when they annually complete a minimum of six hours of educational training and provide six hours of additional volunteer time.

## You can be a Master Gardener!

The qualifications to become an Extension Master Gardener are simple. One must have interest in plants and gardening. You must also be able to attend the training program. Most of all, Extension Master Gardeners must be willing to serve others and provide a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service.

The class is limited to a maximum of 18 from Woodbury and surrounding counties. To apply for the Woodbury County class of 2010, fill out the questions on the reverse side of this page and send to Woodbury County Extension. Application deadline is December 28, 2009.

## REGISTRATION

Formal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If you use prefer to use a nickname in class, and for your name badge.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Is it permissible for us to call you at work?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Registration is **\$155** per person and is due upon submission. My registration fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed made by check # \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please make check payable to:**  
ISU Extension-Woodbury County

**Please return to:**  
Attn: Mimi Shanahan  
ISU Extension-Woodbury County  
4301 Sergeant Rd., #213  
Sioux City, IA 51106-4710

*Registration deadline*

*December 28, 2009*

Please complete both sides.