

## Master Gardener Program

Iowa State University (ISU) Scott County Extension Master Gardener (MG) Volunteer program was started in 1979 to promote and expand ISU Scott County Extension's research based horticultural education program. Through volunteer service and educational outreach Master Gardeners help home gardeners and community organizations solve gardening challenges, improve gardening skills, and promote a sustainable and healthy environment.

## Qualifications

Membership is open to any Scott County resident with an interest in plants, and an enthusiasm for acquiring and sharing their horticultural knowledge and skills with others.

## Mission

The purpose of our organization is to provide home horticulture information to citizens of Scott County consistent with ISU recommendations. The organization also strives to increase members' knowledge of horticulture through educational opportunities.



## Commitment

Complete approximately 50 hours of training followed by a minimum of 40 hours of approved MG volunteer service in Scott County (internship).

MG's complete annual service requirements of 20 hours of approved MG volunteer service and 6 hours of continuing education to maintain active status. (Following the internship year.)

## Expected Results

Master Gardeners will have timely and accurate responses to horticultural inquiries from the public.

## Training & Support

- Orientation to ISU Extension, its mission and that of the Master Gardener Program
- Master Gardener training classes on topics which include General Botany, Propagation and Soils, Fruit Culture, Vegetables & Herbs, Houseplants, IPM, Pesticide Safety and Weeds, Herbaceous Ornamentals, Turfgrass, Plant Pathology, Entomology, Woody Landscape Plants, Wildlife Management, Plant Propagation & Garden Design
- Resources available include the Iowa Master Gardener Workbook Iowa Master Gardener Resource Guide, ISU Extension Publications (online and print). Access to the ISU Scott County Extension MG library, samples, and equipment.

## Benefits

- Opportunity to become a more knowledgeable gardener.
- Recipient of publications and other resources.
- Meet, work with, and learn from others who share your interests in gardening.
- Opportunity to share your knowledge with others

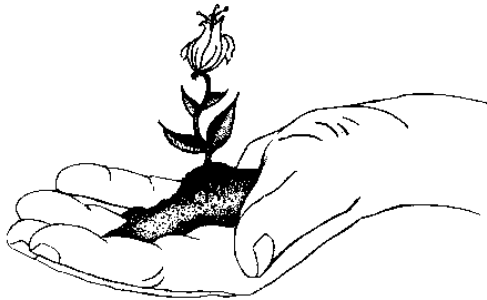
## To Apply

Call the ISU Scott County Extension Office at 563-359-7577 for an application.

A copy of the application may be downloaded from ISU Scott County Extension's web site.  
[www.extension.iastate.edu/scott/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/scott/)

A completed application is required for entry into the program.

There is a one time fee to cover the cost of instructional materials.



Further information is available from:

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