ISU Extension Master Gardener
Program Application

(Please answer all questions. Attach additional sheets as necessary.)

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 such as ornamentals, vegetables, greenhouses, houseplants, commercial fruits.
Explain:
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Other volunteer programs with which you are, or have been affiliated such as Scouts, 4-H, church, American Red Cross, United Way, etc. Explain briefly what you did.
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Please list any volunteer projects you have in mind:
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I am willing to accept the challenge for personal development and satisfaction derived from helping others by volunteering my time to the ISU Boone County Extension Master Gardener Program. I understand that I will receive 40+ hours of training in home horticulture and agree to volunteer a minimum of 40 hours of public service within one year after class completion. Additionally, after the initial 40 hours, I will maintain my certification which is 10 hours of education and 20 hours of volunteer service and is subject to change according to state Master Gardener policy. I understand that a background check (felony criminal, sex offender registry, and driving record check) will be required before I engage in Master Gardener volunteer service.

Signature ________________________________ Date ________________________________

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All fees will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the Agriculture and Natural Resources program at ISU Extension-BooneCounty.

Master Gardener
Fall 2015 Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Sept. 15, & 29,
October 1,6,8,13,15,20,27
Nov. 3, 2015
Along with one Fabulous Saturday on Campus October 10 or 24
Registrations Due
September 11, 2015

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What is an ISU Extension Master Gardener?

Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach 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 ISU Extension Master Gardeners who spend time as volunteers working through our local Boone County Extension office to provide horticulture related information to our community.

What about the training?

Boone County Extension Master Gardener classes are taught by ISU Extension staff and specialists. The program offers 40+ hours of instruction that covers the following topics: herbaceous ornamentals, vegetables, entomology, plant pathology, landscape trees and shrubs, turfgrass management, tree and small fruit, pesticide safety, integrated pest management, houseplants, animal ecology, botany and soils, container gardening, and food preservation.

The training will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays September 15 through approximately November 17. Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Reiman Gardens in Ames.

There will be one Saturday class at Iowa State University in Ames during the month of October. Specific date TBA. There is also written work based on the material presented during the classes.

Cost and Commitment

The cost of the program is $195. This cost covers materials supplied as a part of the course. In addition, in exchange for their training, participants are expected to volunteer a minimum of 40 hours to the Boone County Extension Master Gardener program.

The type of volunteer service done by Extension Master Gardeners and Master Gardener Interns varies greatly. Some answer telephone requests for information, and others work 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 conducted by Master Gardeners.

Certification

Participants become certified 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.

Extension Master Gardeners are considered active when they complete a minimum of 10 hours of educational training and provide 20 hours of volunteer service annually.

You can be a Master Gardener!

The qualifications to become an Extension Master Gardener are simple. One must have interest in plants and gardening. Prior experience or education is not a requirement.

You must be able to attend the training programs. Most of all, Extension Master Gardeners must be willing to serve others and provide a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service.

Established projects are available for Master Gardeners to work on in Boone County as well as various gardening projects in the region. Trainees are encouraged to bring their own ideas as well!

The class is limited to a maximum of 24. To apply for the Boone County class of 2015, fill out the questions on both sides of this brochure and send to Boone County Extension. Application deadline is September 11.