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The Texas Master Gardener Program

The Master Gardener program is a volunteer development program of Texas AgriLife Extension. These Master volunteers receive in-depth horticultural training. In return, they provide volunteer service through Extension by delivering horticultural and environmental education and projects to their communities. Program participants should be able to communicate with the public by telephone, personal contact, as a speaker or through written correspondence. Master Gardener volunteers serve as "horticultural docents" supervised by AgriLife Extension personnel who assign, review and facilitate their volunteer work.

A trainee receives a minimum of 50 hours of instruction, completes an examination and an essay to gain the title of "Master Gardener Intern." Interns contribute 50 hours of volunteer service in Extension initiated projects in Brazos County. Participants become a Certified Texas Master Gardener for 1 year only, after which time he/she maintains certification as a Master Gardener through annual service of 20 volunteer hours and each year acquires 6 hours of continuing education. The volunteer aspect of the Master Gardener program allows individuals to dedicate their time and talents to educate, enhance, and beautify their local community utilizing the science and art of horticulture.

Applications are accepted September 1 to December 1. Training classes meet on Thursdays, during the day, for 4 - 5 hours from January to May. The course fee is \$175.

Trainees join the Brazos County Master Gardener Association that meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday, 6-8 pm, for education, program planning and fellowship. Dues are \$15 annually.

To learn more, go to the Brazos County Master Gardener website: brazosmg.com and the Texas Master Gardener website: mastergardener.tamu.edu

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TEXAS MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM APPLICATION

The Master Gardener training program is for twelve (12) months. Upon completion of all requirements, participants are certified as Texas Master Gardeners. Master Gardeners re-certify annually through volunteer service and continuing education.

I would like to be a Master Gardener Volunteer in Brazos County. I understand that Master Gardeners are trained volunteers - community educators, who share their horticultural knowledge and gardening experience with their fellow citizens. If accepted in the Master Gardener training program, to complete certification:

- I will volunteer a minimum of 50 hours in Extension initiated education programs in 2011.
- I will complete the classroom training course including an essay and exam.
- I understand to re-certify annually, a minimum of 20 volunteer and 6 hours continuing education is required in Extension sanctioned programs
- I will join the Brazos County Master Gardener Association
- I agree to a background check. (required of all Texas AgriLife Extension volunteers)

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Number of years living in Brazos Co. _____

Horticultural group affiliations – garden clubs, community garden, plant societies.

1) _____ 2) _____

Volunteer and/or community service: List the organization and what you do/did:
(school/youth group/church/hospital/civic group)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

Why do you want to become a volunteer in the Master Gardener program? useful training, increase skills/knowledge, give back to the community, personal accomplishment, creative use of time, etc.

How did you learn about the Master Gardener Volunteer Program?

Are you presently employed, and if so, where?

If employed, how and when can you volunteer?

Times available for volunteering:

Monday – Friday:	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday:	Morning	Afternoon	Evening

What is your gardening/horticulture and related fields experience and/or training? Include experience and knowledge of vegetables, herbs, roses, composting, propagation, turf, trees, fruit, nuts, perennials, etc. What is your gardening story? – when did you start gardening, have you worked professionally in horticulture or a related field, etc.

I understand that the Master Gardener program is a program sponsored by the Brazos County office of Texas AgriLife Extension. Furthermore, that the Brazos County Master Gardener Association is a nonprofit (501C3) educational service organization of volunteers trained in horticulture, landscaping, soil improvement, water conservation and other subjects of importance to Texas gardeners.

I understand that Texas AgriLife Extension coordinates Master Gardeners who provide leadership to this association while providing a variety of educational programs in conjunction with the Brazos County office of Texas AgriLife Extension.

I understand that as a Certified Texas Master Gardener, I represent the following – Brazos County, the Brazos County office of Texas AgriLife Extension Service, The Texas A&M System and the Brazos County Master Gardener Association - and will adhere to their policies and guidelines.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return completed application to the Brazos County office of Texas AgriLife Extension by December 1, 2010. Do not make payment at this time. You will be contacted for an interview. Applicants selected for training will meet for orientation - January 6, 2011 at 6pm at the County Extension office.



Educational programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating