

The Asotin County Master Gardeners

- ◇ Volunteer their time to the Lewis-Clark Valley
- ◇ Trained by Washington State University
- ◇ Provide sound research-based horticulture information
- ◇ Address important issues in our community
- ◇ Educate the public about fertilizers and



pesticides that can affect water quality

- ◇ Provide **FREE** plant clinics in their office each Wednesday from 10:00—2:00, May through September each year
- ◇ Staff information booths around the local area
- ◇ Work with schools educating youth about gardening and composting
- ◇ Teach a gardening class during the Extension Youth Activity Camp in the summer
- ◇ Provide resources, fact sheets and publications on landscape trees, shrubs, plant identification, pests and diseases, and weeds
- ◇ Enjoy what they do!



WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
ASOTIN COUNTY EXTENSION
Master Gardener Program

Still have questions about the Master Gardener program? Do you want to be notified before the next training? Or would you like to be on our horticulture mailing list? You can reach us the various ways below.

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Benefits of becoming a Master Gardener

Some people say becoming a Master Gardener has changed their life, given them a rewarding purpose. MG volunteers help people in their local communities, increase their own knowledge and expand their horticulture horizons.

They explore the life of the garden, put what they know into practice, connect with other dedicated volunteers in the community while enjoying a wide variety of interesting and challenging activities.



Master Gardener's Purpose

The purpose of the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program is to train volunteers to be effective community educators in gardening and environmental stewardship. Master Gardeners provide information generated from research at WSU and other university systems. See the History of the WSU program at <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/program/overview>. Today's Master Gardener volunteers teach local community members to:

- manage their gardens and landscapes in a science-based, sustainable manner;
- address environmental and social priorities such as water conservation and water quality protection;
- reduce the impact of invasive species; and,
- increase public awareness of healthy living through gardening.

MGs also enhance communities through demonstration gardens and donation of produce to local food banks. Low-income citizens learn to grow their own food and become more self-sufficient with the help of Master Gardeners. Whatever the priority need may be, if it can be addressed through gardening, WSU Extension Master Gardener volunteers are there to serve as part of the solution.

The WSU Extension Master Gardener Program is open to everyone with an interest in gardening and a willingness to use their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on their local community.

How to become a Master Gardener

- Master Gardener Training is offered in even numbered years from January through April.
- Complete a Training application and submit to the Extension Office.
- Once accepted into the MG Training program, students must attend 15 extensive horticulture related classes presented by professional speakers.
 - Students must also register and complete the WSU on-line training course.
 - Students must attend all of the 15 classes pass all of the on-line training modules and Final exam.
- Students will be interviewed prior to being offered the opportunity to become a Master Gardener.
- Those accepted as Master Gardener Interns are required to volunteer 40 service hours during the first year. Ten of those hours are in Office Plant clinics.
- Once Inters have gained veteran MG status, they are required to volunteer 25 hours of service yearly. Of those hours 15 are approved Continuing Education and 10 hours are in the Office Plant Clinics.

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