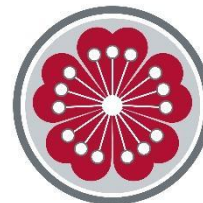


WSU Extension Master Gardener Program

Cultivating plants, people, and communities since 1973



Dear Prospective Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in the San Juan County WSU Extension Master Gardener Program! WSU Extension Master Gardener Program engages university trained volunteers to empower and sustain diverse communities with relevant, unbiased research-based horticulture and environmental stewardship education for a healthy planet and a healthy people.

Have you always wanted to learn more about gardening, meet new people and make a difference in the community? Then the WSU Master Gardener program may be just what you're looking for. When volunteers who have been with the program are asked what they like best about being a WSU Master Gardener volunteer, the most popular answer is, "I learn something new every time I participate in an activity." The second answer is, "making new friends with similar interests as me." Extension Master Gardeners have fun, learn new things, and meet new friends all while giving back to their communities. It's a win, win.

The first step is to apply for and take Basic Training, which is a horticulture series offered as a combination of asynchronous online and synchronous in class training sessions. The online portion is done from a computer using a platform called Canvas to read chapter assignments, view PowerPoint presentations and videos, and complete crossword puzzles and fill in the blank worksheets. The in-class sessions are held Tuesdays, Jan. 23-March 19 and are meant to solidify subject matter learned online and get to know fellow volunteers.

Important Dates:

Applications Due: November 30, 2023

Interviews/program orientations: November - December 2023

Program Acceptance: December

Program Orientation and Meet and Greet: November

Classes Start: January 23rd, 2024

The process of becoming a WSU Master Gardener is a rewarding, but time-consuming endeavor. Classes will begin in January and run through March. The in-class sessions are held on Tuesday online on Zoom and in Friday Harbor from 9am-3pm. The cost of the training is \$325 (which includes a state fee of \$75) and is payable upon acceptance into the program. After completion of the training, a 40-hour internship is required to become a certified WSU Extension Master Gardener volunteer. Students who complete the course and the internship serve the community as home-garden horticulture advisors and earn the title San Juan County WSU Extension Master Gardener.

Please contact me directly at 360 370-7663 or via e-mail at mg.sanjuancounty@wsu.edu with questions.

I look forward to meeting you.

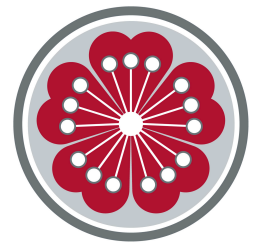
Kind Regards,

Caitlin Blethen, Master Gardener Program Coordinator/Interim County Director
San Juan County WSU Extension



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**Washington State University Extension
Master Gardener Program**

Volunteer Application

WSU Extension Master Gardener Program Application

The WSU Extension Master Gardener Program is open to individuals interested in becoming volunteers and sharing gardening and horticulture knowledge with the public through community outreach. Extension Master Gardener volunteers engage with communities to address pressing issues facing today's Washingtonians. Applicants looking to increase their gardening knowledge and who have a demonstrated volunteer ethic or a desire to volunteer will be considered regardless of gardening experience.

To become a WSU Master Gardener you must be 18 years of age or older. Are you 18 years of age or older?

Yes No

Name:

(First Name)

(Middle Name)

(Last Name)

Address:

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

Phone: Day:

Best Time to Call

Eve:

Best Time to Call

Email Address:

Please list the times you would not be available for volunteer work: (work schedules, anticipated trips, other commitments)

Training/education completed:

High school

Technical/trade school (major studies)

2-year community college (major studies)

4-year college (major studies)

Horticulture degrees, training, or certifications (specify) _____

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Please describe your horticulture and gardening experience: (any personal, volunteer, or work experience):

Years of horticulture and gardening experience:

Specific horticulture interests: (please check all that apply)

Annuals	Herbs	Propagation
Perennials	Houseplants	Greenhouses
Roses	Fruit trees	Container gardening
Lawns	Berries and grapes	Insects
Ornamental grasses	Trees and shrubs	Plant diseases
Native plants	Pruning	Weeds
Wildlife habitat	Soils	Landscape design
Vegetables	Composting	Water gardens

List your affiliations related to horticulture:

List your volunteer experience in the community:

Other skills, interests or experience: (please check all that apply)

Computers	Drawing/illustrating	Research/datacollection
Website development	Writing/publishing	Publicspeaking/teaching
Artwork/displays	Proofreading	Other
Photography	Marketing/fundraising	Other

Please provide specific information on the above checked categories:

If you are able to speak, read, or write a language(s) other than English, please list: (including American Sign Language)

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Why do you wish to become a WSU Master Gardener volunteer?

Any other information about your skills and abilities you would like us to have?

Photo/Video Release

In the event your picture is taken during a Master Gardener event, do you give WSU permission for that picture or video sequence to be used in WSU brochures, publications or websites? Please check one of the boxes below:

Yes - I DO give Washington State University permission to use my photographic and/or video likeness taken during any WSU Extension Master Gardener event or anywhere I am representing WSU Extension Master Gardener Program as a Trainee, Intern, or Certified Master Gardener Volunteer, by any means and without limit for education, demonstration, and promotional purposes.

NO - I DO NOT give Washington State University permission to use my photographic and/or video likeness taken during any WSU Extension Master Gardener event or anywhere I am representing WSU Extension Master Gardener Program as a Trainee, Intern, or Certified Master Gardener Volunteer, by any means and without limit for education, demonstration, and promotional purposes.

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Personal References

References: List three **non-family** members who have knowledge of your skills, abilities, and qualifications. Individuals should have worked with you on projects and activities and/or have direct experience with or knowledge of your qualifications. Please provide email addresses and phone numbers.

Reference

(First Name)

(Last Name)

(Relationship)

(Phone Number)

(Email Address)

Reference

(First Name)

(Last Name)

(Relationship)

(Phone Number)

(Email Address)

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(First Name)

(Last Name)

(Relationship)

(Phone Number)

(Email Address)

I authorize Washington State University Extension to contact the listed references. I understand that a criminal background check is required prior to being fully accepted as a volunteer in the program. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of required information is just cause for non-appointment as a volunteer with Washington State University Extension. I understand that I serve at the pleasure of Washington State University Extension and agree to abide by the policies of Washington State University Extension and individual program areas and to fulfill the volunteer responsibilities to the best of my ability.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Please type your name in the space above to indicate your agreement with the paragraph above.

Civil Rights Information
WSU Master Gardener Volunteers

Confidential & Voluntary

The WSU Extension Master Gardener program is part of a land-grant university system. The land-grant university system was built on the principle that all people should have access to education. The WSU Extension Master Gardener program wants to ensure we uphold this principle in our work.

Additionally, Washington State University Extension and its programs are federally funded and as such are required by the Civil Rights Act to report demographic information for employees, volunteers and community persons who seek our services.

Our goal for collecting this information is to see how well we uphold the land-grant principle of access to education. We summarize the race, ethnicity, and gender of volunteers and of the people we serve to

Note: Your name will not be reported in conjunction with your Race, Ethnicity and Gender data. The data is reported as an aggregate to USDA-NIFA and names are never included in the reports. Individually identifiable information will be treated as confidential, is not disclosed without (written) consent, and is not included in the review of application to become an Extension Master Gardener volunteer.

What is your gender?

What is your ethnicity?

What is your race?