

# 2017

## WSU Master Gardener Training

To download an application, visit:  
<http://island.wsu.edu> and navigate to the Master Gardeners page  
APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR 2017 TRAINING IS JULY 31, 2017

### The Training: What You Can Expect

#### Online Training

Master Gardener Trainees will have access to the expertise of Extension faculty and specialists from across the state through online training modules developed by Washington State University ensuring consistent, WSU-approved training in core competencies. Besides reducing class time and travel requirements, these modules will provide trainees access to learning anytime at home.

#### Saturday Classes and Field Trips

WSU faculty, veteran Master Gardeners and experts in their fields will share their knowledge and provide trainees the opportunity to ask questions. Trainees will visit locations throughout the area to see for themselves many of the plants, pests and nursery practices about which they have learned.

#### What is the cost?

The cost to train as a Master Gardener in Island County is \$300. However, after completing the course and 85 hours as a volunteer, Master Gardener interns receive a reimbursement of \$100 or more.



### Island County Master Gardener Sponsored Events and Services

#### School Gardens

Two elementary schools in Oak Harbor have incredible food gardens. Master Gardeners support these garden projects through work parties, class instruction time, fundraising and much of the food growing and harvesting. We love the creative aspect that the many volunteers can bring to a children's garden. We hope more school gardens will sprout up in the Oak Harbor School District.

#### Plant Clinics

Home gardeners can receive free advice from experienced Master Gardeners at Plant Clinics held weekly during the summer at farmers markets and farm stores in Freeland, Coupeville and Oak Harbor.

#### Educational Gardens

Located at historic Greenbank Farm, the Master Gardeners Educational Gardens provide visitors with information on topics such as including native plants in the garden and plants for use in shade gardens. These are just some of the many opportunities to appreciate and learn more about specialty gardening.

#### Whidbey Gardening Workshop

This popular yearly event, held in March, offers numerous classes on subjects relating to the home garden. Participants can choose from a diverse range of topics such as building a greenhouse, creating dwarf Bonsai trees, and planting color pots for the patio.

#### Yearly Plant Sale

This is a must for garden enthusiasts. Throughout the year, Master Gardeners propagate trees, shrubs, annuals and perennials in preparation for the Master Gardeners Plant Sale held every spring.

#### Plant Diagnostic Hotline

An easy, at-home means for home gardeners to request advice of Master Gardeners by telephone.

#### Home Horticultural Calls

Sometimes when problems arise in the home garden it is necessary for the experts to visit that garden. Home horticulture calls are arranged when a Master Gardener determines a problem cannot be identified by phone or plant clinic visit.



## Island County

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