



Chelan/Douglas County

Master Gardener Program

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Dear Prospective Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in the WSU Master Gardener Program of Chelan/Douglas County! WSU Master Gardeners are grassroots volunteer educators who teach science-based sustainable landscape management and environmental stewardship.

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 for a number of years were asked, "What do you like best about being a WSU Master Gardener volunteer?", the most popular answer was, "I learn something new every time I participate in a WSU Master Gardener activity." The second answer was, "Meeting new people and friends with similar interests as me." 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 in becoming a WSU Master Gardener is taking Basic Training, which is a horticulture series offered as a combination of online and in class training sessions. The online portion is done from a computer using a platform called Blackboard 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 once a week and are meant to solidify what you learn online, while allowing time for you to become accustomed to the program's projects and volunteers.

Important Dates:

Applications Due: September 30 of each year.

Interviews: October of each year.

Program Acceptance: November of each year.

Program Orientation and Meet and Greet: November of each year

Classes Start: January of each year

The process of becoming a WSU Master Gardener is a rewarding, but time-consuming endeavor. Classes will begin in January and run through April. The in class sessions are generally held on Tuesdays in Wenatchee from 9 AM – 12 PM. The cost of the training is \$175. After completion of the training, a 100 hour internship is required to become a certified WSU Master Gardener. Students who complete the course and the internship serve the community as home-garden horticulture advisors and earn the title WSU Chelan/Douglas County Master Gardener.

Please contact me directly at 667-6540 or via e-mail at jgmarquis@wsu.edu with questions.

I look forward to meeting you.

Kind Regards,

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