Become a WSU Master Gardener!

When WSU Chelan/Douglas County Master Gardeners were asked, “What is it about being a Master Gardener that you love? It’s a volunteer program; nobody is making you participate . . . so why do you do it? The top five answers were:

1. It is a font of knowledge.
2. For the camaraderie; learning from one another.
3. Providing a service to the community.
4. Satisfaction from being a part of a group that receives respect from the community.
5. Being involved provides a sense of purpose.

WSU Master Gardeners educate local community members in the application of horticultural science to the sustainable management of landscapes and gardens.

“Cultivating Plants, People, and Communities since 1973”

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Do you want to learn more about gardening, meet people & make a difference in the community?

Then the WSU Master Gardener program may be just right for you! Being a WSU Master Gardener provides you with every opportunity to learn more about gardening, make new friends, take on new challenges while giving back to your community. WSU Master Gardeners are volunteer educators who teach sustainable gardening and landscaping practices based on researched, horticultural science.

Course Content:
The basic training is a combination of classroom and online classes taught by WSU Extension faculty & staff, Master Gardeners and other experts. The classes include the following topics:

- botany, soils, plant identification, plant pathology, plant problem diagnosis, tree fruit, pesticide safety and use, entomology, vegetable gardening, composting, organic gardening, water quality, turf management, back yard forest health, woody landscape pruning, & weed identification.

Primary responsibilities are to:
- Volunteer a minimum of 100 hours of educational outreach over a two year period to become a certified WSU Master Gardener.
- Serve as a horticultural educator and resource person in the community.
- Conduct classes, workshops and demonstrations for the public.
- Assist in preparing and staffing exhibits and demonstrations at the Community Education Garden, Farmers’ Markets and Fairs.
- Assist in planning, coordinating, and providing publicity for classes, workshops and demonstrations.
- Promote the other educational resources and volunteer opportunities of WSU Extension.

Registration Information:
Application materials are available now at https://extension.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/gardening/mg/mgtraining/ or you can obtain an application by calling: (509) 667-6540.

- Applications are due September 30 of each year.
- Interviews are held in October.
- Orientation Meet & Greet is in November.
- Classes start early January.

Cost of training is $175 and is paid upon acceptance into the program.