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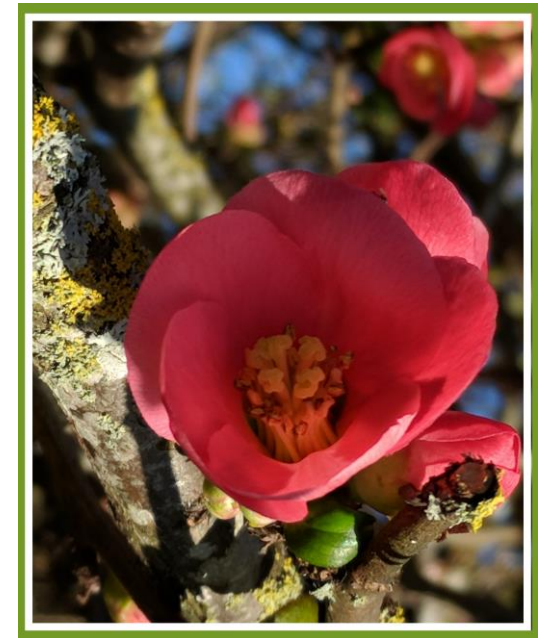
## Only some of the things you'll learn in training

- Landscape gardening and lawns
- Fruits and vegetables
- Houseplants and herbs
- Soils and fertilizers
- Basic/worm composting
- Invasive species and weed management
- Beneficial and pest insects
- Diagnosing plant problems
- Integrated pest management
- Vertebrate pest management
- Forestry
- Greenhouse and Landscape design
- Plant identification
- Home orchards and berry crops

## About Master Gardener Training

- Full day classes (9 am to 4 pm) are held January-June, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays
- Combination of lecture and hands-on training
- 3-5 hours per week of online instruction
- 90 hours of on-the-job volunteer training to complete internship
- Tuition is approximately \$150, with scholarships available. All course materials are included.

# How to Become a Master Gardener





## Who we are

A national volunteer organization trained by Washington State University Extension in the science and art of sustainable gardening practices. There are 90+ Master Gardener volunteers in Cowlitz County.

## Our Mission

To provide research-based gardening information with the members of our community

## Come and join us!

To become a WSU Master Gardener you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have a passion for gardening
- Have an inquiring mind and a zest for learning
- Have a willingness to volunteer service hours and enthusiasm to share your knowledge with the people in our community

## Volunteers make it happen!

We work with our community in many ways:

- Teach research-based gardening practices
- Our Plant & Insect Clinic team offers free gardening advice, plant identification, and plant disease and pest problem-solving
- Educational workshops and talks for children and adults
- Our Demonstration Garden offers
  - A beautiful and tranquil oasis
  - Place to show types of plants, shrubs, and trees that are locally suitable
  - Gardening techniques that work!

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