



OSU Master Gardener™ Program

The OSU Master Gardener™ Program in Central Oregon is entering its 28th consecutive year, serving Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties. Over the years, this program has trained hundreds of volunteers and they, in turn, have reached thousands of clients within our communities. The program targets individuals interested in learning and sharing research-based gardening information. Currently, the program has over 50 active volunteers who find the program educational, fun, and very rewarding. OSU Master Gardener™ trainees receive 60 hours of intensive classroom training followed by 60 hours of experiential learning. The OSU Master Gardener™ Program consists of two parts: part one is classroom training, part two is experiential learning in the plant clinic and community outreach activities. An individual must complete both parts to successfully become an OSU Master Gardener™.

PART 1: Classroom Training

Once your application has been accepted you will be considered an OSU Master Gardener™ trainee. As a trainee, you will participate in weekly training conducted by qualified OSU Extension faculty, specialists, and veteran OSU Master Gardeners™. Training days occur once a week for 10 weeks. Please consider these dates when applying, keeping in mind that you are required to attend a minimum of 8 classes. For 2010, these will be the following training dates:

Location: OSU Cascade Campus, COCC Campus, Bend

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Break from 12:00 – 1:00 pm

<u>Dates:</u> Week 1	Saturday	January 16
Week 2	Saturday	January 23
Week 3	Saturday	January 30
Week 4	Saturday	February 6

Training Break- - No Class- - - February 13

Week 5	Saturday	February 20
Week 6	Saturday	February 27
Week 7	Saturday	March 6
Week 8	Saturday	March 13
Week 9	Saturday	March 20

Training Break- - No Class- - - March 27

Week 10	Saturday	April 3
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There are several gardening topics covered during classroom training including the following:

- Climate of Central Oregon
- Turfgrass
- Integrated Pest Management
- Annuals/Perennials
- Vegetable Gardening
- Soils
- Botany
- Web Use
- Weed i.d./control
- Pruning
- Water management
- Plant nutrition
- Pesticide Safety
- Insect i.d./control
- Plant Disease

PART 2: Experiential Learning/Volunteer Hours

As with any other learning process, hands-on experience is always beneficial and quite fun! In addition to 60 hours of classroom training, the trainees are required to participate in 60 hours of experiential learning to complete training. This involves working in one of the three Extension offices (Madras, Prineville, or Redmond) at the plant clinic desk. The plant clinic is where clients call in or walk in with gardening questions. You are required to volunteer at the desk eight hours per month from April through September (40 hours total). Each volunteer is trained to work in the plant clinic. The remaining 20 hours of your experiential learning is completed through a variety of community outreach activities of your choice (see application). At the completion of your experiential learning, you will become a certified OSU Master Gardener™. You will need to re-certify on an annual basis to keep your certification current. The OSU Extension Service reserves the right to interview applicants by phone or in person for final selections. You will be contacted no later than January 8th regarding your application status.

Application Checklist: Submit the following by **January 6th, 2010**. Questions ?? Call 548-6088.

- Completed Application
- Check or Money Order for \$275.00 (This cost includes your \$35.00 textbook, *Sustainable Gardening*, facility fees, and the badge you receive at the end of training.) No refunds available.
Note: Partial scholarships are available, for information call 548-6088

Checks made payable to: Deschutes County Extension/4-H

Mail to: OSU Master Gardener™ Program
Deschutes County Extension Service
3893 SW Airport Way
Redmond, OR 97756

OSU Master Gardener™ Application for 2010



Please print:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # (Home) _____ (Work) _____

E-mail address _____

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Please answer all questions briefly

1. List any formal training or education you have in the area of horticulture/home gardening.

2. Are you currently employed in the horticulture industry? If yes, what is your position at your job?

3. Do you currently belong to any garden club, affiliations, or related groups? _____

4. Describe an area of gardening expertise you can share with other gardeners? _____

5. How did you learn about the OSU Master Gardener™ Program? _____

6. How many years of gardening experience do you have? _____
7. Please list dates during the year that you will not be available for Master Gardener training or volunteer service (vacation, job, other commitments). _____

8. Describe at least one challenge faced by the gardening public? _____

9. Describe your experience in other volunteer programs. _____

10. Why do you want to become an OSU Master Gardener™? _____

11. Will you be working full-time during the training? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, know this program is designed for those who do not work full time and that it may be challenging for you to complete your training.

OSU Master Gardener™ Activities in Central Oregon

OSU Master Gardeners™ are involved with a number of fun and educational activities throughout Central Oregon. The list below is a brief summary of these activities. Please select your top three areas of interest ranking them 1-3. This does not commit you to these activities, but will assist activity coordinators in finding volunteers. You will learn more about each activity during OSU Master Gardener™ training.

- Plant Clinic – plant diagnostic clinics in all three county offices during the months April through October. Volunteers will answer gardening questions for walk-in clientele and by phone. All Master Gardener Trainees are *REQUIRED* to work a minimum of 40 hours on this activity. Plant clinic training is provided for every volunteer.
- Education in the Schools - teaching horticultural practices to children in grades K –12 throughout Central Oregon.
- Garden Tour – Help to organize a tour of outstanding Central Oregon gardens. Includes selecting homes, hosting a home on tour day, etc.
- Community Garden at Hollinshead Park in Bend – A garden that provides individual garden plots to all community members during the growing season. Volunteers would need to help prep the beds in spring, sign-up, plot assignments, and clean up garden in the fall.
- County Fair Booths – Including Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson County Fairs, volunteers are needed to work all shifts at the Master Gardener booths, community booths, etc. Work includes providing education, plant clinics, and display set-up and takedown.
- Demonstration Gardens – An educational garden that exhibits several plant varieties and garden techniques for Central Oregon. Volunteers needed for designing, planting, and maintaining these beds. One garden in Bend, Redmond, and Madras.
- Educational Seminars – annual programs that provide the community with classes taught by experienced gardeners. Seminars include a wide variety of gardening topics, and the opportunity to purchase garden books, plants, and gifts. Volunteers needed to help with the curriculum, registration, teacher’s aide, etc. Sponsored by C.O.M.G.A.
- Speakers Bureau – volunteers needed to give a variety of garden presentations to local garden clubs, organizations, etc. Slides and scripts are available at the Extension Office to assist volunteers. Volunteers will be awarded 2 hours of volunteer credit for 1 hour of work.
- Mobile Plant Clinics/Clinic Coordinators – Diagnostic plant clinics set up in Central Oregon at local farmers’ markets, etc. Designed to provide gardeners with an outlet for questions. Volunteers needed to coordinate these clinics or work during the clinics.

I am applying to become an OSU Master Gardener™ and must complete the following requirements:

1. Apply and be accepted into the OSU Master Gardener™ Program in Central Oregon.
2. Attend OSU Master Gardener™ training courses and pass the final exam.
3. Participate in experiential learning in the plant clinic in one of the three Extension offices for a total of 40 hours.
4. Participate in experiential learning in community outreach activities for a total of 20 hours.
5. Record and submit your volunteer hours on a monthly basis up and through September 2010.

How would you like your name to appear on your OSU Master Gardener™ badge? _____
First Last

You will receive your badge at the completion of training in 2010.

Cost: \$275.00 with the application (This fee includes your \$35.00 textbook, *Sustainable Gardening*, facility fees, and a badge that you receive at the end of training.)

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Please Read and Understand before Signing

I understand the requirements listed above. I agree to follow all policies and procedures of the Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener™ Program. I agree to wear my official Oregon State University Master Gardener™ badge in conjunction with all official Oregon State University Master Gardener Programs once I have completed training.

Name

Date



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