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Dear Gardener,

Thank you for your inquiry about the 2018 Douglas County Oregon State University Master Gardener™ program. Master Gardeners (MG's) are volunteers trained by OSU Extension Service agents and specialists. To become an OSU Master Gardener, you must complete the training program, pass a take home final examination following training, and volunteer a specified number of hours of public service through the Master Gardener program.

Statewide, MG classes are offered in 30 counties around Oregon, with the length of the classes and the topics offered varying somewhat depending on the needs for each county. MG's in Oregon have formed the Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA). The OMGA helps unify statewide Master Gardener activity and conducts the annual Master Gardener Mini-College.

The Master Gardener network operates in 46 states and four countries. Since 1987 we have conducted international meetings of Master Gardeners every two years on odd years. We hope you will choose to join this active group of gardeners!

In Douglas County, the Douglas County Master Gardeners Association, a non-profit organization, oversees the activities of the Master Gardeners. The association works with the OSU Extension Service and the Horticultural Agent in Douglas County providing gardening information to the public. Our objective is to inform and advise the people of Douglas County about horticulture and to effectively extend information about gardening through our certified volunteers. The OSU Horticulture Agent and the Douglas County Master Gardener Executive Board set priorities for community volunteer activities in which the association will participate.

The first part of the program provides training for volunteers in botany, soil science, insect and disease identification and control, care and culture of ornamental plants, berry crops, lawns, home orchards, vegetables and diagnosis of plant problems to prepare you to answer home gardening questions. Classes are offered only one time each year from early January to mid-March. Classes are held one day per week at the OSU Extension Service Office in Roseburg on Tuesdays from 9am to 4pm with an hour off for lunch. The office is located in the Church Annex next to the County Courthouse at 1134 S.E. Douglas Ave. The first day of class for approved and paid registrants will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Pre-registration is required.

The second part of the program begins after classes are completed when volunteers give sixty hours of their time extending home horticulture information to other gardeners. Thirty-six of

those hours are spent in our plant clinic, answering questions from homeowners on gardening topics. The other twenty-four hours are spent on activities that the Douglas County Master Gardener's are actively engaged in. Some of those other activities include developing the Discovery Garden (a demonstration garden that is being used as our teaching center), giving presentations on various gardening topics to community groups, promoting the OSU Master Gardener program at local fairs, festivals and farmers markets and working in our greenhouse to produce plants for the DCMG spring plant sale. New ideas from members for community volunteer activities are always welcome, and if you have particular skills you would like to offer, we make a concerted effort to accommodate those.

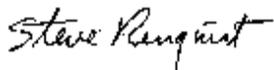
When we receive your application, your name will be added to our file of gardeners interested in taking the next class. Generally we can accept up to 25 people in our training class. The cost of the program is \$150 for people who reside in our service district or \$250 for those who reside outside our service district. You are outside our service district if you reside in another county or within the city limits of Canyonville or Reedsport. These fees cover training materials and are paid at the time of your interview (check/cash). The \$150 or \$250 fee includes a copy of Sustainable Gardening, a comprehensive 500-page reference manual prepared specifically for Oregon Master Gardeners. You will also receive dozens of detailed handouts during the eleven-week class schedule. If you feel you will have difficulty attending all the training classes or performing the sixty hours of volunteer time, please let me know during our interview. Students who do not finish their volunteer time requirement may be billed for an extra \$100.

Enclosed is an application form for the Master Gardener program. If you wish to enroll in this class, please fill out and return the application to the OSU Extension office in Roseburg by September 29, 2017 (Friday). Once your application is received, we will call you to schedule your interview in October. Each Master Gardener Program applicant must have a short interview with me before paying program fees and filing your application form. Immediately after your interview and class fee payment, you will receive your copy of the Sustainable Gardening Manual as your textbook. This will also be the time to ask questions that you may have thought of prior to or during your interview with me.

Thank you again for your interest in the Douglas County Master Gardener program. If you have questions about the program, please contact me at the address on the letterhead, email at steve.renquist@oregonstate.edu, or call me at 541-236-3047.

We look forward to seeing you in January!

Sincerely,



Steve Renquist
Horticultural Agent
OSU Extension Service of Douglas County
Email: steve.renquist@oregonstate.edu

Application for 2018 Douglas County OSU Master Gardener Volunteer Training

2018

I wish to become a Master Gardener Volunteer for OSU Extension Service. I understand that to begin the program to become a Master Gardener the following 4 requirements must be met:

1. I will participate in a brief interview with Steve Renquist for acceptance or denial to begin the program.
2. I will attend all Master Gardener Winter Training classes.
3. I will complete the open book exam and attain a passing score.
4. I will provide 60 hours of service that includes: 36 hours in the Plant Clinic in the OSU Extension Service Office and 24 hours of additional service in my choice of Master Gardener activities.

If I cannot provide the above mentioned 60 hours of service, I will contact Steve Renquist at 541-236-3047 to discuss options. I agree that if I do not complete the 60 hours of service, I will pay an additional \$100.00 for the standard commercial fee for the class and will not be a Master Gardener.

With my signature I'm agreeing that I will comply with all the requirements for this program.

Signature

Date

****** APPLICATION IS DUE IN OFFICE BY: SEPT. 29, 2017, FRIDAY.**

Print Name: _____

Physical/Residential/Home Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Phone: _____

Email (please PRINT clearly): _____

When you have successfully completed all the requirements for this program, you'll receive a badge. How would you like your name to appear on your OSU Master Gardener Badge?

First: _____ Last: _____

How did you learn about the Master Gardener Program?

- Friend
- Newspaper (which one?) _____
- Farmers Market
- Master Gardener Clinic
- Master Gardener Events
- TV/Radio Other _____

Mail application to:

Douglas Co/OSU Extension Service
Attn: MG18
PO Box 1165
Roseburg, OR 97470

APPLICATIONS DUE BY: SEPT 29, 2017

- Check here & provide address to request a mailed copy of a 2018 MG Training application package be sent to your friend or relative. _____

Thank-you! Questions? Call 541-236-3039 or Email to: mary.hoffman@oregonstate.edu

This box for Extension Office Purposes Only:

Interview Date: _____ **By:** _____ **Accept** **Deny**

Notes: _____

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