

**Central Gorge Master Gardener Association
Hood River County OSU Master Gardener
Membership Categories
April 2015**

The following are the categories of Master Gardener membership:

New Master Gardener Trainee

Qualifications: The following criteria are required:

- Attend all OSU Extension Master Gardener training
- Pass a written recertification exam
- Complete a minimum of 55 volunteer service hours (12 must be plant clinics)

Process: The following process shall be followed:

- Must apply for the program before a deadline set near early-mid December
- Must sign the Code of Conduct and Pest Control Recommendation Agreement
- Additional forms may be required.

Fees: There is an instructional classroom fee and a CGMGA membership fee.

Recognition: Master Gardeners that meet the above criteria will receive a Certificate of Completion in the fall at the graduation/recognition celebration.

Recertifying Veteran Master Gardener

Qualifications: The following criteria are required:

- Complete a minimum of 24 hours of approved training
- Pass a written recertification exam
- Complete a minimum of 24 volunteer service hours (12 must be plant clinics)

Process: The following process shall be followed:

- Must fill out and return the returning master gardener application so he/she remains current on the membership rolls.
- Must apply for recertification prior to the start of MG classes in January
- Must sign the Code of Conduct and Pest Control Recommendation Agreement
- Additional forms may be required.

Fees: There is an instructional classroom fee and CGMGA and OMGA membership fees.

Recognition: Master Gardeners that meet the above criteria will receive a Certificate of Recertification in the fall at the graduation/recognition celebration.

Associate Veteran Master Gardener

Goal of Associate Member Status: The goal of this membership status is to allow prior Master Gardeners to continue membership in the organization during a time when he/she may not be able to participate fully in clinics and other activities. It can also apply to MGs who have been certified as a MG in other chapters or states and has moved into the CGMGA area.

Qualifications: One of the following criteria must be met:

- Has previously been a certified Master Gardener in good standing within CGMGA or another MG chapter in Oregon
- Has previously been a certified Master Gardener in good standing in another state

Process: The Master Gardener:

- May become an Associate member at any time of the year
- May participate in all CGMGA events such as projects, fund raisers, socials, etc.
- May vote within the association
- Will not be required to take recertification classes
- Will not be required to participate in payback hours

Fees: There are CGMGA and OMGA membership fees.

MG Program: An Associate member may not give gardening advice or recommendations as a Master Gardener

Lifetime Veteran Master Gardener

Qualifications: The following criteria are required:

- Completion of ten years of active participation (years do not need to be consecutive)
- Active participation is defined as the completion of a minimum of 24 hours of approved training and a minimum of 24 hours of volunteer time in approved projects

Process: The following process shall be followed:

- Lifetime Master Gardeners will be requested to fill out and return the returning master gardener application so he/she remains current on the membership rolls.
- If the above is not completed, the CGMGA Treasurer will contact the MG to ask if he/she desires to maintain membership and the membership form shall be completed by CGMGA personnel
- Lifetime master gardeners shall be on the mailing list for the newsletters and invitations to participate in CGMGA activities.
- If a Lifetime Master Gardener wishes to remain active and volunteer for plant clinics and projects, he/she must complete the required hours of training and volunteer hours to be recertified.
- Must sign the Code of Conduct and Pest Control Recommendation Agreement if wanting to be recertified
- Additional forms may be required.

Fees:

- There is no class fee for training and no dues for membership in CGMGA and OMGA.
- Central Gorge Master Gardener Association will pay the dues.
- The OSU Master Gardener program in Hood River will waive the training fee.

Recognition:

- Lifetime Master Gardeners that recertify and remain active will receive a Certificate of Completion or Certificate of Recertification in the fall at the graduation/recognition celebration.

Honorary Master Gardener

- Honorary members automatically include the Oregon State University Extension Staff engaged in the Master Gardener program.
- Honorary members are exempt from payment of dues and may not vote or hold office.
- Extension Staff eligible for honorary membership who have completed the Master Gardener training and who otherwise qualify for active membership, may elect to pay dues and participate as an active member.