



Extension Service Linn County

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Thank you for your interest in the OSU Extension Master Gardener program where you receive training in production and problem solving of vegetables, fruit, berries, landscaping, pests, diseases, and soils in the home garden.

The 2010 Master Gardener class will begin on Tuesday, January 5, and end March 16. With the exception of one field trip, all classes will be held in the Evelyn Downing Room of the Old Armory Building, downtown Albany. Class will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be a mandatory orientation held at noon on Tuesday, December 8, in the Evelyn Downing Room of the Old Armory Building. This orientation is a time for us to clarify our expectations of your volunteer commitment and to answer any questions you might have about the program. If you cannot attend this orientation, please contact our office to schedule an alternate time.

There will be a \$110 registration fee to cover the Master Gardener reference notebook and class materials. In return for your training, you agree to pay back 66 hours helping other gardeners. Of the 66 hours, a minimum of 46 hours is spent in the Extension office answering gardening calls. Other payback activities may include helping at the farmers' market clinic table, Garden tour, fairgrounds demonstration garden, Windowsill Gardening in the schools, etc.

A new option is to not volunteer the 66 payback hours after training has concluded. You will not become a Master Gardener, but will receive a certificate for your training. The fee for this option is \$500.

Slots for the volunteer program are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so please get your application in early. If you have additional questions, please feel free to call the Extension office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Fick". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Barb Fick
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