



APPLICATION FOR 2010
UMATILLA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER TRAINING



Please print:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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Send application to: OSU Master Gardener Program
Umatilla County Extension Service
PO Box 100, Umatilla Hall
Pendleton, OR 97801

Application Deadline: January 8, 2010

Fee Schedule:

(Fees below include your \$30.00 Textbook, Sustainable Gardening, class handouts, and the OSU badge you receive at the end of training).

First time attendee Umatilla County.....  \$ 115.00

..... \*\$30.00 deposit due with application ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

..... \*Balance Due by January 8, 2010 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks Payable to: Umatilla County Master Gardeners Association. Please note your check will NOT be cashed until you are accepted into the program. \$50 of your registration fee will be refunded at the completion of 30 volunteer hours.

Questions ?? Call Umatilla County Extension Service at 541-278-5403 or 1-800-871-1313



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please answer all questions briefly*

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

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

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

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

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**5. How did you learn about the OSU Master Gardening Program?**

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**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).**

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

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**9. Describe your experience in other volunteer programs. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**10. Why do you want to become an OSU Master Gardener? \_\_\_\_\_**

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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 Umatilla Co.
2. Attend OSU Master Gardener training courses and pass the final exam
3. Serve 30 hours for the Umatilla County Extension Service in the offices, in community projects, or community outreach.
4. Record and submit volunteer hours on a monthly basis up to and through October 2010.

How would you like your name to appear \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

You will receive your badge at the completion of training in 2010 which includes service hours.

\$30.00 deposit is due with the application, **balance due January 8, 2010.**

**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

**2010 Training Location**

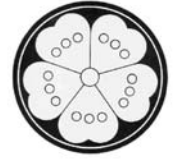
**Hermiston Agricultural Research & Extension Center**

2121 S. First St  
Hermiston, OR





Oregon State University Extension  
Service Master Gardener



## Position Description

**Title** Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener Volunteer

**Purpose** To provide OSU Extension Service educational programs on sustainable horticulture (including home vegetable and fruit gardening, lawn and landscape maintenance, pest control, and associated topics) through trained and certified volunteer master gardeners.

**Brief description of the position** Answers general public questions and inquiries about gardening, landscape maintenance, pest control, and related topics by telephone; at clinics, demonstrations, workshops, or informal classes; or in other ways possible and practical.

Cooperates with and assists local OSU Extension staff.

May assist in preparation of specific educational resources.

Keeps appropriate records.

**Requirements** Must be available to participate in the training program provided for master gardener volunteers.

Must be available to pay back the training time during the year of training, equal to the hours of training. A minimum of 30 hours of volunteer service. Activities could include:

- Prepare publicity for Master Gardener events
- Attend Master Gardener meetings or mini-college
- Prepare educational articles for media distribution
- Assist in recruiting prospective Master Gardeners
- Organize social/recognition events for the Master Gardener group
- Assist in the community gardens

Must be able to communicate effectively with the public by telephone, personal contact, group contact, or writing.

Should have some knowledge and skills in basic horticulture and related areas.

Should enjoy working with people.

**Supervision & Extension Service Responsibility** Mary Corp, Extension Cereal Crops Agent is responsible for the local Master Gardener program and provides overall supervision and support in Umatilla Co.

To provide at least 40 hours of intensive training on soils and plant nutrition, plant growth and development, insects, disease and plant diagnosis, turf grass management, tree care, vegetables and fruits, pesticides, and environmental issues.

To provide resource materials and update as needed.

To be available to support volunteers and answer their questions.

To lead Master Gardeners in their activities as an advisor.

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Name (Please Print)

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Volunteer Signature Date

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OSU Extension Agent Signature Date

# OSU Master Gardener Activities in Umatilla County

OSU Master Gardeners are encouraged to get involved with a number of fun and educational activities throughout Umatilla County. The list below is a brief summary of these activities. Please select your top three (3) 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ **On-call Volunteers**– will be taking calls from clientele in the evenings, or returning calls to clientele with home garden questions. Volunteers can sign-up for one week or longer periods of time. *Email alerts or phone calls let the volunteer know when assistance is needed.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Community Gardens** – would assist in various capacities with the prep, up-keep and clean up of the three community gardens in Pendleton. Explore the possibilities of establishing community gardens in Hermiston.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Spring Garden Tours** -help plan and organize tours of outstanding local gardens. Includes selecting homes, and hosting a home on tour day in collaboration with local garden clubs. Explore ways to complement existing garden tours with educational displays and demos.

\_\_\_\_\_ **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.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Educational Programs**– monthly programs that provide the community with classes taught by experienced gardeners. Seminars will include a wide variety of gardening topics. Volunteers are needed to help with the curriculum and registration.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Newsletter articles and news releases** for local press, and county newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_ **Webpage** content development for county Master Gardner webpage



**Where flowers bloom so does hope.**

- Lady Bird Johnson

**INTRODUCTION TO THE  
UMATILLA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER'S PROGRAM**

**Mary Corp  
Cereal Crops Agent  
Umatilla County Extension Service**

- I. Welcome to the 2010 Master Gardener Training
- II. Structure of Cooperative Extension
- III. Briefly review the program policies
  - A. "Master Gardener" only to be used in OSU CES MG program and when doing unpaid volunteer public service work in an OSU CES sponsored program
  - B. "Master Gardener" not to be used for commercial publicity or private businesses
  - C. Questions about commercial production will be referred to OSU County Faculty
  - D. Volunteers must receive at least 40 hours of training and are required to return 30 service hours back to the University by volunteering in the County Extension Office on horticultural projects
  - E. Master Gardeners may not receive any funds for their services
- IV. Master Gardener Program Mission Statement

The Master Gardener Program within Oregon State University Cooperative Extension Service exists to help Oregon gardeners learn more about the art and science of growing and caring for plants. It also enables these trained volunteers to extend sustainable gardening information to their communities through educational outreach programs.
- V. Goals of the Master Gardener Program
  - A. To provide the people of Oregon with horticultural expertise in growing appropriate plants for our climate
  - B. To provide appropriate analyses of problems and recommendations for management of horticultural plant problems
  - C. To utilize campus-based support for diagnosis and recommendations
  - D. To utilize the principles of Integrated Pest Management for management of problems encountered on horticultural plants in Oregon
  - E. To provide training to Master Gardener Volunteers to enable them to perform the above functions of the program

**2010 Master Gardener Training Schedule**

Location: HAREC, 2121 S. First St., Hermiston, OR

Time: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

<u>Dates:</u> Week 1	Wednesday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Week 5	Wednesday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Week 2	Wednesday, February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Week 6	Wednesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>
Week 3	Wednesday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Week 7	Wednesday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>
Week 4	Wednesday, February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Week 8	Wednesday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>

## **2010 MASTER GARDENER TRAINING** **Class Topics** *(in no particular order)*

### OSU Master Gardener Introduction

- Basic Botany and Plant Identification
- Insect Identification, Problem Solving
- Soil Science and Fertilizers
- Soil Science and Amendments
- Turf Grass Maintenance, Problem Solving
- Water Conservation/Quality Control, Xeriscape Design
- Perennials
- Weed Identification, Problem Solving Calibration & Herbicide Application
- Fruit Tree and Berries, Selecting Trees
- Vegetable Gardening
- Integrated Pest Management
- Plant Pathology, Problem Solving
- Landscape Shrubs and Plants
- Greenhouses and Cold Frames

Test discussion, course evaluation



Planting your knowledge yields experience ~  
become a Volunteer OSU/Master Gardener Today!



## 2010 Umatilla County Master Gardener Policy Guidelines and Definitions of Volunteer Log Categories



**Service Hours Policy:** New Trainees in the OSU Extension Service Master Gardeners of Umatilla County owe a combination of 30 support hours and educational outreach hours to the program during their first year. We require that new MGs devote a minimum of 20 educational outreach hours. Veteran MGs (in program more than 1 year) are required to return 20 hours of volunteer time (a minimum of 10 educational outreach hours). In order to remain certified, Veteran MGs are required to complete recertification training and/or a recertification test as specified by the program each year.

**Educational Outreach:** Hours that directly support our educational mission include time spent working at the plant clinic, at community garden events, county fair, farmer's markets, expos, and gardening events. Also included are activities such as demonstration workshops (pruning, gardening practices, etc), not where you attend, but where you TEACH. Researching gardening questions is included in outreach hours.

**Support Activities:** Hours that enhance or support the MG program, chapter activities such as meetings, committee chairs for all program and chapter activities, mentoring, telephone/e-mail tree, and non-educational community service. Works with outside organizations such as Fair Boards, Park Bureau do not count as payback because they do not enhance or support our program. When in doubt...ASK! It is hoped that where possible, an educational component can be a part of most activities.

Remember your volunteer commitment to the Master Gardener Program must be a combination of educational and support activities: 30 services hours (20 educational outreach) for new MGs and 20 hours (10 educational outreach) for veterans. Continuing education hours are not counted as service hours.

**Continuing Education:** Includes workshops, classes, repeat of basic training (\*) classes, attendance at MG seminars, Mini-College, regional and national conferences, garden tours etc. A minimum of 6 classroom hours are required for recertification training. OR: you may take part in a statewide Open Book Re-certification Review and pass with a score of 70% or higher.

**Contacts:** When possible, please record the number of direct contacts you make as a result of your volunteer work i.e. number of individuals attending a presentation you gave, approximately how many people did you talk to on the phone or in a clinic, how many kids were in that gardening class you taught, etc....

**Mileage:** Keep track of the miles you spend traveling to and from all Master Gardener activities. These miles are for your information only and a tax benefit to you. Check with a tax consultant so you can best deduct your contribution on your tax returns. (Travel hours do not count towards payback time).

If you have questions, call Mary Corp, Cereal Crops Extension Agent at 541-278-5403 or 1-800-871-1313.

You may mail completed forms to the OSU Umatilla County Extension Service, PO Box 100 Pendleton, OR 97801. The last day for submission of volunteer and training participation hours is **October 31, 2010**.