



Extension Service Yamhill County

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Dear Potential Master Gardener:

Thank you for inquiring about the Yamhill County Master Gardener™ Program, a program of Oregon State University's Extension Service. OSU Master Gardeners (MG's) are volunteers trained by OSU Extension Service faculty as well as by others knowledgeable about horticultural subjects who in turn use their training to extend research-based gardening education to the community.

Becoming an OSU Master Gardener is a two-step process. First you must complete the training program and pass a review exam. The second part of the program is applying the knowledge gained through the training modules to provide gardening information to the public through a minimum of 65 volunteer hours with the OSU Master Gardener Program. This is done through a Master Gardener Desk in the Extension Office, through plant clinics held in the community, demonstration gardens, plant sales, and other related activities.

The training program includes instruction in botany, soil science, insect and disease identification and control, care and culture of ornamental plants, small fruits, lawns, home orchards, and vegetables. Diagnosis of plant problems is included to prepare you to answer home gardening questions. We offer only one set of classes each year, on Thursdays, from January to March (January 07 - March 17, 2016). The classes are held next to Extension Service offices in the Public Works Auditorium at 2050 NE Lafayette Avenue in McMinnville. Some of the class modules for the training will be online. You can complete the online modules at home with a high-speed internet connection, use a public computer at a library or you are welcome to use one of the general use computers in the Extension office.

The second phase of the program begins after classes are completed in March. You will be asked to volunteer at least 65 hours of your time in educational or informational activities for the public. Of the required volunteer hours, at least 32 hours must be "On the Desk" or in other approved clinic activities. The MG Desk is a walk-in or call-in clinic that is open normal Extension Office hours during the year. The remaining 33 volunteer service hours are to be spent in a community service project. You will choose among several options we will make available to you.

Enclosed please find an application form for the 2016 class as well as a position description for OSU Extension Master Gardeners. At this time if you are interested in the program, it can be completed and returned to our office. The cost of the program is \$140 with an additional \$35 fee for the Sustainable Gardening reference manual for the classes.

If the fee represents a financial hardship, assistance may be available through the Yamhill County Master Gardener Association. Requests must be received by December 11, 2015

Again, thank you for your interest in the Yamhill County Master Gardener Program.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to call me.

Yours truly,

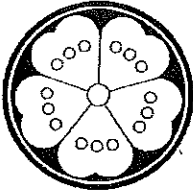
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randa Cournot for Heather".

Heather Stoven

Community Horticulturalist

OSU Extension Service – Yamhill County

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**Yamhill County 2016
OSU Master Gardener™
Application Form**

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Mobile Phone _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Retired? Yes No

We ask that OSU Master Gardener™ applicants be interested in learning more about gardening and sharing their knowledge with others, and be willing and able to fulfill their volunteer commitment of 65 hours. No prior knowledge or experience is required. We will use the following questions to learn more about you. Please feel free to add information or comments on an additional page.

1. Why do you want to be an OSU Master Gardener™?

2. How long have you been gardening?

3. In what parts of the state or the country have you gardened?

4. What are your special gardening interests? Check all that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> fruit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> turf/lawns | <input type="checkbox"/> herbs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> trees/shrubs | <input type="checkbox"/> flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> houseplants | <input type="checkbox"/> garden design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structures | <input type="checkbox"/> native plants |

5. Have you had any formal training in horticulture or gardening?

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School | <input type="checkbox"/> College |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H | <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club | |

6. Are you a member of any garden clubs, plant societies, or similar groups with an interest in horticulture activities? Please list.

7. Do you have any volunteer experience? Please describe briefly.

8. Do you have any experience in teaching or presenting programs?

Yes No

If yes, this experience has been for:

Children/Youth Adults

Describe briefly.

9. How did you learn about the OSU Master Gardener Program™? Check all that apply.

Friend/acquaintance Radio
 Newspaper Brochure
 Website Other

10. Can you arrange your schedule so that you can participate in the training programs that run from 9AM-4PM on Thursdays, January through mid-March, 2016?

Yes No

11. Can you arrange your schedule so that you can volunteer in the OSU Master Gardener™ program for at least 65 hours between March and October of 2016?

Yes No

12. Can you arrange your schedule so that you can spend at least 24 hours on weekdays to be at the OSU Master Gardener™ desk in the OSU-Yamhill County Extension Office during 2016?

Yes No

13. Do you have access to the internet through a home computer or at a public facility such as a local library, or are you able to come to the OSU Yamhill County Extension office to use available computers to complete online course trainings?

Yes No

14. Some financial assistance in the form of scholarships and fee reductions may be available if financial concerns would keep you from completing the program. If you would like to be considered for financial assistance, please enclose a separate letter requesting assistance and describing why you need assistance.

If accepted as an OSU Master Gardener™ Trainee, I am willing to:

- Attend all days of OSU Master Gardener™ training
- Follow the recommended practices of the OSU Extension Service
- Commit to at least 65 hours of volunteer service as an OSU Master Gardener™

The cost of this training is \$140. The textbook, "Sustainable Gardening", and binder for the training program is a separate cost of \$35. Checks (made out to OSU Extension) and cash are accepted. Checks can be sent with this application to the address below. We do not accept credit card payments at this time.

I understand that payment holds my place for the 2016 OSU Master Gardener training in Yamhill County. I understand that if I am not accepted, payment will be refunded to me.

Signature

Date

Please complete this application and return it to
Ronda Armour
OSU Extension Service, Yamhill County
2050 Lafayette Ave., McMinnville, OR 97128

Questions? (503) 434-7517

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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 home horticulture (including vegetable, tree fruit, small fruit, lawn and landscape maintenance, pest management and associated topics) to the general public by using research based and objective information.

Brief description of the position

- Answers general public questions and inquiries about gardening, landscape maintenance, pest management and related topics by telephone; at clinics, demonstrations, workshops, or informal classes; or in other ways possible and practical.
- Cooperates with an assists local OSU Extension staff.
- May assist in preparation of specific educational resources.
- Keeps appropriate records, such as volunteer hours and public contacts; client questions and contact information.

Optional assigned duties (check if applicable)

- Works directly with persons under the age of 18 years, as part of their assigned volunteer service; in school gardens, community gardens, school garden programs, or in other venues
- Drives a motor vehicle on behalf of Oregon State University Extension, as part of their assigned volunteer service

Requirements

- Must be available to participate in the training program for Master Gardener volunteers.
- Must be available to provide volunteer service to OSU Extension during the year that training is completed, and equivalent to the number of hours of training received.
- Must be able to effectively communicate with the public by telephone, personal contact, group contact, or in writing.
- Must demonstrate a commitment to diversity and to ensuring equal opportunity for those wishing to benefit from OSU Extension programs and services.
- Should have some knowledge and skills in basic horticulture and related areas.
- Should enjoy working with people.

Supervision

- The county Extension agent with responsibility for the local Master Gardener program provides overall supervision and support.
- Immediate supervision and support may be provided by a program assistant or a program coordinator, if available.

Volunteer Signature: _____

Date: _____

OSU Extension Faculty Signature: _____

Date: _____

MASTER GARDENER TRAINING SCHEDULE, YAMHILL COUNTY 2016

TIME	CLASS SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR	ASSIGNMENT
JANUARY 07			
9 AM-NOON	Master Gardener Program Introductions & OnLine Module Information Session	Heather Stoven, OSU Extension Yamhill County	Read EM 8749: Being a MG Volunteer
NOON-12:30 PM	**LUNCH BREAK		
12:30-1 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
1-4 PM	*Botany	Gail Gredler, Retired Horticulture Instructor	CH.1 Botany Basics
JANUARY 14			
9AM-Noon	*Tree Fruits	Ross Penhallegon, OSU Extension Lane County Area	Ch. 10 Home Orchards
NOON-12:30 PM	**LUNCH BREAK		
12:30-1 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
1-4 PM	*Orchard Pruning Workshop Onsite	Ross Penhallegon, OSU Extension Lane County Area	
JANUARY 21			
9AM - Noon	*Pollinators	Bob Falconer, Oregon Master Bee Keeper	Ch. 20, pgs 447-452 Beneficial Insects
NOON-12:30 PM	**LUNCH BREAK		
12:30-1 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
1-4PM	*Organic Vegetable Gardening	Weston Miller, OSU Extension Clackamas County	Ch. 7 Vegetable Gardening
JANUARY 28			
9AM-Noon	*Propagation	Norm Jacobs & Gail Price Propagation Specialists	Ch. 3 Plant Propagation
NOON-12:30 PM	**LUNCH BREAK		
12:30-1 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
1-4 PM	*Soils	James Cassidy, OSU Dept. of Crops & Soil Science	Ch. 2 Soils & Fertilizers Ch. 5 Composting
FEBRUARY 04			
9 AM-NOON	*Integrated Pest Management	Gail Langellotto, OSU Extension Statewide MG Coordinator	Ch. 20 Integrated Pest Mngmnt
NOON-12:30 PM	**LUNCH BREAK		
12:30-1 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
1-4 PM	*Lawns	Alec Kowaleski, OSU Extension Turf Specialist	Ch. 12 Lawns
FEBRUARY 11			
9 AM - NOON	*Vertebrate Pests	Dana Sanchez, OSU Extension Wildlife Specialist	Ch. 18 Vertebrate Pest Mgmt
NOON-12:30 PM	**LUNCH BREAK		
12:30-1 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
1-4 PM	*Urban Forestry	Amy Grotta, OSU Extension Forestry	Ch. 9 Woody Landscape Plants

FEBRUARY 18			
9 AM - Noon	*Pruning	Neil Bell, OSU Extension Marion County	Ch. 4 Pruning
NOON-12:30 PM	**LUNCH BREAK		
12:30-1 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
1-4PM	*Berry Crops	Bernadine Strik, OSU Extension Dept. of Horticulture	Ch. 11 Berry Crops
FEBRUARY 25			
9 AM-NOON	*Insects	Bob Grossmann, Entomologist	Ch. 14 Basic Entomology
NOON-12:30 PM	**LUNCH BREAK		
12:30-1 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
1-4PM	*Plant ID	Linda McMahan, OSU Associate Professor Emeritus	Ch. 1 & 22 Botany Basics & Plant Identification
MARCH 03			
9AM-NOON	*Plant Disease	Cindy Ocamb, OSU Extension Botany & Plant Pathology	Ch. 15 Plant Disease
NOON-12:30 PM	**LUNCH BREAK		
12:30-1 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
1-4PM	*Plant Problem Diagnosis	Cindy Ocamb, OSU Extension Botany & Plant Pathology	CH. 16 Diagnosing Plant Problems
MARCH 10			
9AM-NOON	*Weeds	Chip Bubl, OSU Extension Columbia County	Ch. 17 Weed Management
NOON-12:30 PM	**LUNCH BREAK		
12:30-1 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
1-4PM	*Pesticides & Pesticide Safety	Chip Bubl, OSU Extension Columbia County	Ch. 19 Understanding Pesticides
MARCH 17			
**OnLine Module	*OnLine Module: Sustainable Gardening	ONLINE	Ch.21 Sustainable Landscape Design
11 AM-NOON			
NOON-1 PM	POTLUCK LUNCH		
1-4 PM	*Learning Exam, Clinic/Desk Training. REQUIRED for graduation/recertification	Heather Stoven, OSU Extension Yamhill County	

* Counts as recertification training for Veteran Master Gardeners

All classes are held at the OSU Extension, Yamhill County/Public Works Auditorium
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PRACTICUM sessions build/expand on information in the ONLINE module scheduled for that day.
Attendance is REQUIRED.

**The online module should be completed before attending the practicum session.

Snacks are provided. Bring a sack lunch. Lunch is 30 minutes.