

# 2020 WASCO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER TRAINING

Wednesdays  
February 19 – April 1  
9:00am – 4:00pm  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church



MG Orientation  
Wednesday, January 15  
6:00 – 7:30 pm  
The Dalles Senior Center

Date	9:00 am - noon	1:00 – 4:00 pm
February 19	Botany for Gardeners Chip Bubl	Soil Science James Cassidy
February 26	Insects & Entomology Rich Little	Integrated Pest Management Heather Stoven
March 4	Pesticide Safety Pami Monnette	Pruning Techniques Ashley Thompson
March 11	Propagation Neil Bell	Plant Diseases Brooke Edmunds
March 18	Plant Clinic Training Michelle Sager & MGs	Plant Problem Diagnosis Jay Pscheidt
March 25	Bee-Friendly Gardening Andony Melathopoulos	Sustainable Landscape Design Signe Danler
April 1	Local Conditions & Techniques Michelle Sager	Test Review & Project Training Master Gardener Volunteers

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**New Master Gardeners:**

All Classes Required  
Total: 42 hours

**Recertifying Master Gardeners:**

At least 24 hours required  
(At least 8 classes)



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Dear Garden Enthusiast,

Thank you for your interest in the OSU Master Gardener™ program! Becoming a Master Gardener is really exciting. It is an opportunity to learn new things, share what you know, and join a community of people who share a love of plants, insects, and how we get to participate with it all through gardening.

Every year we are asked what we are looking for in new Master Gardeners. Our main requirement is a love and enthusiasm for gardening and a desire to share that love with others. Most Master Gardeners have at least two or three years of gardening experience before they join the program, but we do not require extensive knowledge.

Being a Master Gardener consists of:

- 42 hours of training over 7 weeks that will provide you with new and interesting gardening knowledge. These classes are taught by OSU faculty and other horticultural specialists. They will be held on Wednesdays from 9am-4pm between February 19 and April 1, 2020. All classes will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in The Dalles (1805 Minnesota St.), in Tayler Hall (downstairs). In order to get your 42 hours of training, you will be required to attend all classes (see training schedule for details).
- Contributing 42 hours of your time **-service hours-** in extending information to home gardeners. This is the part of your training where you get to put your learning into action! Master Gardeners are community educators and most of our projects are group efforts. During your first year as a Master-Gardener-in-training, your service hours are considered a practicum, or hands-on continued training. You are not expected to be an expert, and volunteering is where most of the learning happens.

Time can be volunteered in any number of fun and interesting activities, including:

- Helping community members solve their gardening problems in plant clinic. (This is the heart of the Master Gardener program, and all volunteers participate in plant clinics.)
- Maintaining The DIG garden beds or teaching workshops there.
- Writing editorials about your newest garden experiments in our monthly newsletter.
- Teaching children about pollination through games and activities at our after-school garden club.
- In your second year and beyond in the program, you can volunteer in our greenhouse project, mentoring detained youth at NORCOR. (First year trainees will not participate in the greenhouse, but can – and should! – volunteer for the plant sale.)
- And much more! For more information on our approved Wasco County projects, go to our website at: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/wasco>

Tuition for Master Gardener training is \$90, which includes your text book, and \$15 for in Association dues. This is actually the least expensive Master Gardener program in Oregon! However, I know the cost can be prohibitive, and thanks to our Wasco County Master Gardener Association, there are some scholarship funds available; application for the scholarship is included in this packet.

In order for you to be considered for the program, we must receive your completed application form and check by **5:00 pm on Thursday, December 12, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted for consideration.** Please complete your application, showing your interests, abilities and availability to complete the entire program.

***There will be a Master Gardener Orientation on Wednesday, January 15 at 6:00pm at The Dalles Senior Center. At this orientation, you'll get a chance to receive your text book and other program materials, learn more about the program, and meet other Master Gardeners. Please plan to attend!***

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,



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**Oregon State University**  
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Master Gardener



OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE WASCO COUNTY  
**2020 Master Gardener™ Application**



Name _____		
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Home Phone _____		Work Phone _____
Cell Phone _____	Email _____	
Occupation _____	Retired? Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

*The OSU Extension Master Gardener™ program is both an educational and a community service program. A Master Gardener should be interested in learning more about gardening, but also must be willing and interested in sharing their knowledge with others. The program consists of 42 hours of classroom training, followed by 42 hours of volunteer service in approved Master Gardener projects, where volunteers apply their training and knowledge practically. The program concludes in October with a certification and graduation ceremony.*

Why do you want to be an OSU Extension Master Gardener?

Please detail the type(s) of gardening experiences and where in the country you have experience gardening.

Have you had any formal training in horticulture or gardening? (not required, but helpful of course!)

- High School
- College
- 4-H
- Workshops
- Garden Clubs
- Other:

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

- |                                       |  |                                      |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| <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"/> Insects      | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:      |  |

Do you have any experience as an educator? This can be group settings and/or one-on-one, children and/or adults, formal and/or informal settings, demonstrations, educational displays, etc.

Do you have other special skills that would contribute to the Master Gardener program?

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|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer skills    | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction    | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/bookkeeping | <input type="checkbox"/> Working with children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art/photography    | <input type="checkbox"/> Public speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing events   | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership positions  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing editorials | <input type="checkbox"/> Researching     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:              |  |

Please describe any other types of volunteer service you have participated in, and what kinds of activities you participated in with these groups (i.e. church groups, schools, service clubs, youth groups, fundraisers, etc.)

Which of our volunteer projects interest you most? Check all that apply.

- Plant Clinic
- The Dalles Imagination Garden (The DIG)
- NORCOR Greenhouse
- Spring Plant Fair
- Youth Education Programs

How did you learn about the OSU Master Gardener Program? (If the program was recommended to you by a current or previous Master Gardener, please let us know who it was!

Can you arrange your schedule so that you can participate in all of the training classes that run from 9:00am-4:00pm each Wednesday, February 19 – April 1, 2020?

Yes       No

Can you arrange your schedule that you can volunteer in the OSU Extension Master Gardener program for at least 42 hours between April and October?

Yes       No

Can you arrange your time so that you can select a minimum of 12 hours of the 42 hours to staff Plant Clinics (held on Tuesdays and Saturdays)?

Yes       No

***Your application must include the following completed and signed documents and payment:***

- 2018 OSU Master Gardener Application
- \$90 Training Fee (Make check payable to OSU Extension Service)
- \$15 Association Dues (Make check payable to Wasco County Master Gardener Association)
- (optional) *Scholarship Application*

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

- ❖ **Attend all 42 total hours of OSU Extension Master Gardener training.**
- ❖ **Follow the recommended practices of the OSU Extension Service.**
- ❖ **Commit to at least 42 hours of volunteer service as an OSU Master Gardener volunteer.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this completed application and both checks by 5:00pm, Thursday, December 12, 2019 to:**

**OSU Wasco County Extension Service**

**Attn: Master Gardener Program**

**400 E. Scenic Dr. Suite 2.278**

**The Dalles, OR 97058**

(Late applications will not be accepted)



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

**Wasco County Master Gardener Program**  
**Lana Tepfer Scholarship Fund Application**

All information is kept confidential.

**Participant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **County** Wasco

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Event** Master Gardener Training **Cost** \_\_\_\_\_

**How much scholarship money are you applying for?** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Maximum scholarship is set at \$70)

**Explain the need – Why do you qualify for a scholarship?**

*Please be detailed about your circumstances as well as your motivation for the programming.*

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*I understand that scholarships are given at the discretion of the Wasco County Master Gardener Association and are subject to availability.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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Office Use Only: Amount Awarded \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Source \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_