

Being a West Virginia Extension Master Gardener

Along with the camaraderie, West Virginia Extension Master Gardeners share their knowledge and time with the public at a variety of venues. Volunteer activities can change from year to year and may include:

- Public gardens, demonstration gardens
- School gardens
- Garden festivals
- Plant sales
- Workshops & seminars
- Presentations
- Plant clinics
- Display booths

Visit us online to view seasonal Extension Master Gardeners activities & events.

Behind the Scenes

Master Gardeners meet often, work in their own gardens, explore new gardening techniques & concepts, and share with each other what they learn. WV Extension Master Gardeners work, learn, grow and mentor, together.

Is Master Gardening for You?

- Would I love to learn more about gardening?
- Would I like to participate in a practical and intensive training program?
- Would I love to share my knowledge and engage with my community?
- Do I have the time?

How To Apply

Complete and send us the form on this brochure or give us a call. We will send you the next course application when it is available.

Questions? Contact
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berkeley.ext.wvu.edu/master_gardeners

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*Grow with the
West Virginia Extension
Master Gardener Program*



*Berkeley-Jefferson Extension
Master Gardeners Association
Program Advisor, Mary Beth Bennett*

Complete this form and return it to the Extension Master Gardener Program coordinator, WVU Berkeley County Extension Office, 400 W Stephen St. Suite 302, Martinsburg WV 25401.

Yes, I wish to share my knowledge of gardening and learn more about gardening in the process. Please add my name to your list to receive an application form for the next West Virginia Extension Master Gardener training program.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Email Address _____

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West Virginia University Extension Master Gardener

This title is given to those who graduate from the program's comprehensive training course, and complete the 40-hour volunteer internship. The West Virginia program began in 1993 and is now in 44 of 55 counties.

Training

Faculty members, WVU Extension staff, Master Gardeners, and local experts teach plant science & home horticulture including:

- soil and plant nutrition,
- plant physiology,
- pests and diseases,
- turf management,
- pruning,
- plant propagation,
- composting,
- pesticide safety,
- fruit and vegetable production

Classes in the annual 12-week training course meet one afternoon a week for three hours, generally beginning in late summer. The tuition fee includes the comprehensive Master Gardener Training manual.

Volunteer Internship

Following graduation, student interns are expected to complete 40 hours of volunteer service within the first year. The local Extension Master Gardener Association and the Program Advisor will advise and guide interns throughout the year to ensure a rewarding, effective experience.

Certification

When internship requirements are fully satisfied, interns are certified as West Virginia Extension Master Gardeners and receive a certificate and name badge.

Remaining Certified

Each year, the Extension Master Gardener must complete 10 hours of approved continuing education and 20 hours of volunteer service (minimum) to remain certified.

Advanced Certification

Experienced Extension Master Gardeners who seek new challenges may have the opportunity for advanced level certification. This may require specialized instruction in an approved area of study and an independent project demonstrating understanding of the subject area and utilizing leadership elements.

