



# Reno County Extension 2022 MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

The Master Gardener Program is a volunteer program for individuals who:

- Enjoy learning about the various areas of horticulture
- Have time to volunteer
- Enjoy being with others who share a common interest in gardening
- Enjoy sharing their knowledge and experience to help others answer their horticulture questions

The Master Gardener program consists of two parts. The first part is a series of classes in the fall covering all aspects of horticulture designed to train participants to serve as extension volunteers. The second part consists of various extension volunteer activities.

Classes will be held on Thursdays from 9:00am to 3:30pm from September 15 through December 15. Classes are taught by Kansas State University faculty and local horticulture experts. Most of the training sessions are held in Harvey County as we train with Harvey and Butler Counties. We will also hold classes each in Hesston, Haysville, Hutchinson and El Dorado. A one-time registration fee of \$125 is required to cover the cost of a Master Gardener reference book and other educational materials.

**Please note:** Participants will need to provide their own transportation to class and carpooling is encouraged

Volunteers are given 40+ hours of classroom training, a large reference book and hands-on training on many horticulture topics:

Date	Morning Session (9:00 to noon)	Afternoon Session (1:00pm to 3:30pm)	Location
September 13	Orientation and Welcome Picnic for new members with current members (6:00pm)		HutchCC Demo Garden
September 15	Basic Botany	Vegetables	Newton
September 22	Soils & Composting	Tree Identification	Newton
September 29	Shrubs	Research Station Tour	Haysville
October 6	Native Plants	Native Plants	Hesston
October 13	Plant Pathology	Flowers & Landscaping	Hutchinson
October 20	~ No Class This Week ~		
October 27	Entomology	Pesticide Use & Safety	Newton
November 3	Plant Health Care	Trees	Hutchinson
November 10	Turfgrass	Lawn Weed Management	Newton
November 17	Nuisance Animals	Fruit	Newton
November 24	~ No Class This Week ~		
December 1	Herbs	Plant Propagation	Newton
December 8	Class Presentations		Newton
December 15	Gardening for Wildlife	Graduation Ceremony	El Dorado

Actual Master Gardener status is obtained after completion of the classroom training and volunteering a minimum of 40 hours to The Reno county Extension Master Gardener Program during the following growing season. There are many opportunities to volunteer, including:

- Working in the Master Gardener demonstration gardens
- Hosting a summer garden tour
- Educational activities at various events around the County including the Reno County Farmers' Market
- Speaking to various groups on gardening topics
- Working with Junior Master Gardeners, 4-H, schools and other youth

In order to maintain active Master Gardener status after the initial year, volunteers are asked to contribute 12 hours of volunteer time and attend 6 hours of continuing education annually. Master Gardeners hold monthly meetings to plan activities and provide continuing education. There are also many opportunities to attend educational programs and tours throughout the year.

For more information or an application, contact:

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