

## WHAT AM I EXPECTED TO DO AFTER COMPLETION OF THE EDUCATION CLASSES?

Master Gardener Interns volunteer 40 hours of their time by September 30 to become a certified Master Gardener.

To maintain certification as a Master Gardener, Master Gardeners are required to volunteer a minimum of 40 hours and complete at least 15 hours of continuing education annually.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are made available only at Master Gardener informational meetings. These meetings are designed to inform the public about the qualifications necessary to be accepted into the internship program.

Master Gardener Intern applicants must attend one of these meetings:

#### **November 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.**

UNL Douglas/Sarpy Extension central office, 8015 West Center Road, Omaha.\*

#### **November 20, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.**

Sump Memorial Library, Papillion, 222 N. Jefferson (N. Washington & 2<sup>nd</sup> St.)\*

Applicants will be interviewed at a later date.

Twenty-five applicants are selected annually to intern in the Douglas/Sarpy County Master Gardener Program.

Visit the UNL Douglas/Sarpy web site at:  
<http://douglas-sarpy.unl.edu>

(\*Times and locations subject to change.)

**For more information call 444-7804.  
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## 2015 Master Gardener Program



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## Is the Master Gardener Volunteer Program for you?

### Master Gardeners

- Are volunteers of the University of Nebraska — Lincoln Extension.
- Improve the efficiency of the Extension Service and allow educators to develop proactive programs.
- Extend practical applications of university-based research on gardening in Nebraska.
- Learn and share principles and practices of environmental horticulture.
- Volunteer to promote environmental awareness to a broad level.
- Serve as ambassadors of goodwill for the county and UNL Extension.



### Last Year UNL Extension Douglas/Sarpy Master Gardeners:

- Staffed the horticulture helpline at the Extension office 5 days a week and answered over 14,000 lawn and garden questions.
- Designed and maintained thirteen community garden demonstration projects.
- Staffed numerous “Ask the Master Gardener” tables.
- Spoke to many local civic groups about home gardening.
- Raised vegetables for the local food bank in our HOPE Garden project.

**Ideal applicants are committed to volunteering and able to communicate horticulture knowledge with diverse people in Douglas/Sarpy County.**

### Qualifications:

- At least 18 years of age.
- Available to spend time volunteering, attending classes, and participating in field trips.
- Love gardening and have a desire to learn and practice environmentally-friendly horticulture methods and share this information with others.
- Eager to learn horticulture by actively participating in an intensive 48 hour 8-week training program in February and March, and a plant clinic in the spring.



### **TRAINING and CERTIFICATION**

If accepted into the Master Gardener program you will receive 48 hours of horticulture education. The core areas include:

- Botany, entomology, plant pathology, soils, weeds, and landscape design.
- Cultural methods of growing garden vegetables, fruit crops, trees, perennials, turfgrass, and shrubs.
- Disease, insect, and vertebrate pest control using IPM methods.
- Proper pesticide management.
- Customer service.

The program includes classroom training via lectures and group activities. Interns must receive a passing grade on a test.

For \$240, interns will receive 48 hours of instruction, reference materials including a Master Gardener Handbook, a name badge, t-shirt and a monthly MG e-newsletter.

