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Become a Master Gardener!

Master Gardener Training to be offered March – June 2022!

Certified WSU Master Gardeners are highly trained volunteers who share the art and science of sustainable gardening with the people of Washington, helping them with their gardening activities. The biennial training of Master Gardeners in Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties will begin in early spring and end in early summer 2022.

Participants will be actively engaged in Master Gardener basic training with WSU resources, learning about proper gardening techniques and sustainable gardening practices. There will be interaction with instructors and peers in face-to-face, hands-on learning activities, and the trainee will also spend considerable time with online assignments: reading, watching videos and doing some research. Topics include botany, entomology, integrated pest management (IPM), pesticide safety, soils, fertilizers, composting, herbaceous & woody plants, vegetables, container gardening, native plants, landscaping and plant pathology/diagnostics. As to the difficulty of the course, most trainees describe it as similar to a college-level course.

The class meets every two weeks on a Saturday, with independent, on-line assignments between sessions. The ten Saturday sessions will be held primarily at the WSU Extension Office on the fairgrounds in Elma. Other locations may be used within either county when necessary for the work of that day. The sessions are highly interactive, involving students and veteran Master Gardeners. Occasionally specialists from WSU or some other organizations may be guest lecturers.

Students who successfully complete the course will become Master Gardener Interns. As an Intern, each person must complete 60 hours of volunteer work in Master Gardener-related activities, such as working at plant clinics, presenting public workshops, writing gardening articles, being docents at the annual garden tour, helping at the annual home and garden show, at county fairs and helping with the work in the demonstration gardens, committee work and many other activities. At the completion of volunteer hours, the person will become a Certified Master Gardener!

Application materials and more information will be available on our website (pnwmg.org) later this fall.

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