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The Penn State Master Gardener



New Master Gardener Training

Washington, Fayette and Greene Counties

September, 2006—March, 2007

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Core Sessions

These Sessions are Mandatory!

Core Session 1

DATE: Friday, September 22, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Fayette County Extension Office

TRAINING HOURS: 8 hours

This interactive and hands-on session will provide an introduction to the Master Gardener Training Course, as well as cover basic plant and soil science, composting, and plant propagation. Participants are asked to bring samples of plants showing problems or oddities from their own yards and gardens. Lunch is on-your-own; pack a brown bag or plan to grab some local take-out. Please review MG Manual Chapters 3, 4, 8, and 15 before the session.

Core Session 2

DATE: Friday, November 3, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Greene County Extension Office

TRAINING HOURS: 8 hours

In the second core session we will cover pests, integrated pest management, and pesticides. Bring more plant samples to learn what's bugging your garden. Lunch is on-your-own as in the first session. Please review MG Manual Chapters 5, 6, and 7 before the session.

Core Session 3

DATE: Saturday, December 2, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Phase 4 Learning Center, Washington

TRAINING HOURS: 4 hours

We will meet in a computer lab to explore on-line resources for Master Gardeners and the gardening public. Other topics include communication, teaching skills, and gardening education for youth. Please review MG Manual Chapter 1 before the session.

Western Area Career and Technology Center

688 Western Ave
Canonsburg, PA 15317

Directions: From I-79 north of Washington, take the Houston Exit (43). Turn left onto Route 519 North and enter the Borough of Houston. You will cross railroad tracks and come to a traffic light. At the traffic light, turn left; go one block, and turn right. The sign will indicate that you are now on 519 North. Continue north on Rt. 519 for two miles. You will see the entrance to WACTC on the right.

Phase 4 Learning Center

George Washington Hotel, 2nd floor
Washington, PA

Directions: Phase 4 Learning Center is located on the second floor of the George Washington Hotel in downtown Washington. The George Washington Hotel is located on Main Street between Cherry and Wheeling Streets, right across from the County Courthouse.

Trinity Middle School

Scenic Drive
Washington, PA

Directions: From I-70 in Washington, take the Chestnut Street Exit. Turn onto Franklin Farms Road which runs beside the Washington Crown Center Mall. Follow Franklin Farms to the end, and turn right onto Route 18 South. After 1/4 mile, turn left onto Scenic Drive.

Session Locations

Fayette County Cooperative Extension Office

34 West Peter Street
Uniontown, PA 15401
724-438-0111

Directions: Take Rt. 40 into Uniontown; this becomes West Main St. Pass Marshall Park, with all its flags, and get into the left lane. Turn left onto PA-51/Morgantown St. Proceed through two traffic lights, and before the third light, turn left onto West Peter Street.

Washington County Cooperative Extension Office

100 West Beau St.
Washington, PA 15301
724-228-6881
Sessions will be held in Room 103

Directions: Take the Beau Street exit off of I-79/I-70 in Washington. Turn onto 136 toward downtown Washington (follow the signs for W and J College). Follow Beau Street downtown, cross Main Street by the County Courthouse, and the building is halfway down the next block on the left. Enter either through elevators in the parking garage or the front door.

Greene County Cooperative Extension Office

26 West High Street
Waynesburg, PA 15370
724-627-3745

Directions: To reach the office from I-79 take Rt 21 west. At the fourth light make a right and continue through five more lights. The office is on the left side of the street (one block west of the courthouse) in the basement.

Additional Workshops and Web-Based Sessions

*MG Trainees Need to Earn at Least Ten
Additional Training Hours from this List*

Web/E-Mail Session 1: "More on Plant and Soil Science"

DATE: Distributed Sept. 22, Due Nov. 1
TRAINING HOURS: 1

Web/E-Mail Session 2: "Garden Animals—Friends and Foes"

DATE: Distributed Nov. 3, Due Dec. 15
TRAINING HOURS: 1

Workshop Sessions:

"Gardening with Annuals and Herbs"*

DATE AND TIME: September 28, 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Washington County Extension Office, Room 103
INSTRUCTORS: Alan Michaels, via VTC, and Laura Delach
TRAINING HOURS: 2

"Vegetable Gardening"*

DATE AND TIME: October 11, 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Greene County Extension Office
INSTRUCTORS: Lee Young
TRAINING HOURS: 2

"Perennials and Woody Ornamentals"*

DATE AND TIME: October 24, 7-9:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Washington County Extension Office, Room 103
INSTRUCTORS: Andrea Tomsic
TRAINING HOURS: 2.5

Workshop Sessions, Cont'd:

"Lawn Care for All Seasons"*

DATE AND TIME: January 25, 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Washington County Extension Office
INSTRUCTORS: Jeff Fowler (via VTC)
TRAINING HOURS: 2

"Small Fruits and Tree Fruits"*

DATE AND TIME: February 13, 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Western Area Career and Tech Center
INSTRUCTORS: TBD
TRAINING HOURS: 2

"Spring Gardening Seminar"***

DATE AND TIME: March 3, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Trinity Middle School, Washington
INSTRUCTORS: Many
TRAINING HOURS: 4

"Pruning Field Day"

DATE AND TIME: March 24, 1-3 p.m.
LOCATIONS AND INSTRUCTORS: TBD
TRAINING HOURS: 2

*These classes are also open to the general public for a fee of \$10 per person or \$45 for all five workshops. Master Gardener trainees do not pay this fee.

**Attendance at the Spring Gardening Seminar in Washington County will count toward new Master Gardener training credits. The fee is \$12 per person for the general public. This fee is waived for Master Gardener trainees.

Core classes (20 hours) are mandatory for Master Gardener trainees. Master Gardener trainees must also earn a minimum of 10 training hours through participating in their choice of the additional workshops and web-based sessions described here. If Master Gardener trainees would like to attend similar gardening workshops offered in other counties for training credit, this can be arranged by contacting Lee Young. Any fees associated with workshops other than those listed here must be paid by the trainee.

A final open-book exam will be distributed in February, and is due back in the Washington County Extension office by March 15th.

The fee for the 2006-2007 New Master Gardener Training is \$200. Trainees will receive a Penn State Master Gardener Training Manual at the beginning of the training. New MGs who complete all training requirements, and complete a minimum of 50 volunteer hours during the first year (you actually have 16 months from the end of the training until the date by which all first-year volunteer hours logs must be submitted) will receive a \$50 refund.

Note: Locations of sessions are subject to change in response to class make-up and availability.