

## Extension Master Gardeners

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The Master Gardener Program is a Kansas State University Extension program that helps gardeners learn more about growing and caring for plants. The national program was founded in 1972 as a training tool for volunteers wanting to assist in the delivery of educational programs on a county wide basis. In exchange for intensive training, volunteers agreed to help the extension service provide information to the public. The Kansas program was started in Johnson County in 1980 and has grown with 55 counties with active Extension Master Gardener Programs.

The local program started in 2006 in Anderson County. In 2014, the program expanded to include all of Frontier Extension District (Anderson, Franklin and Osage Counties). The 40 hour class meets on Thursdays during the months of September, October, and November. This is followed by a commitment of a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer time during the first year. Thereafter, 10 hours of volunteer time and 5 hours of continuing education each year are required to remain in the Master Gardener Program. A course fee is charged to cover cost of course material, which includes extensive written information about each topic.

You can become a Master Gardener if you are willing to learn about horticulture and share your knowledge with others. Advanced coursework is available to Master Gardeners who have completed the basic requirements.



Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, contact Shannon Blocker, 785-448-6826.

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## What Extension Master Gardeners do:

- ◆ Assist with garden clinics, exhibitions, and educational events
- ◆ Work with youth programs to share gardening information
- ◆ Answer garden question via phone from the extension office
- ◆ Work on community beautification projects



## Program Participants Must:

- ◆ Be a Frontier Extension District resident (Anderson, Franklin and Osage Counties)
- ◆ Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- ◆ Have a broad interest in horticulture and experience in some area of home horticulture
- ◆ Support the objectives of K-State Research and Extension – Frontier Extension District #11 and of the Extension Master Gardener program and agree to the Volunteer Policy Agreement.
- ◆ Enjoy working with people and teach in both one-on-one and group situations.
- ◆ Complete the basic training course and participate in a minimum of 40 hours of approved volunteer service in the first calendar year following completion of the training course, with at least 5 hours earned as a volunteer on an Extension horticulture hotline and/or horticulture diagnostic clinic.
- ◆ After first year completion, participants must complete an annual commitment of 10 volunteer hours and at least 5

advanced education hours to maintain in good standing in the organization.

- ◆ Complete application and pay \$125 course fee to cover the textbook, training materials, etc. The fee is due on or before the first day of class.



## Basic Training Topics:

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| ◆ Botany             | ◆ Houseplants       |
| ◆ Soils              | ◆ Entomology        |
| ◆ Pesticides         | ◆ Turf              |
| ◆ Annuals/Perennials | ◆ Urban Wildlife    |
| ◆ Pruning            | ◆ Plant Pathology   |
| ◆ Fruit              | ◆ Woody Ornamentals |
| ◆ Vegetables         | ◆ Teaching Tips     |

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