



Master Gardener Project Request for Volunteers West Michigan– MSU Extension

MSUE Master Gardener volunteers are trained with at least 40 hours of classroom education in a variety of horticultural subjects. In order to become a certified Michigan State University Extension Master Gardener, one must volunteer 40 hours towards the education of others. Master Gardener trainees are encouraged to volunteer their time in their communities through projects in which they teach others about sound horticultural practices. To remain on Active Status, Master Gardeners attend 5 hours of educational training and offer 15 hours of volunteer service each year.

The subjects covered in the 40 hours of classes include: Plant Science, Soils, Integrated Pest Management, Flowers, Woody Ornamentals, Backyard Fruits, Lawn Care, Household Insects, Indoor Plants and Vegetables. They are not trained in subjects such as landscape design, irrigation or greenhouse techniques and are not required to be able to answer questions about subjects other than those they are trained in.

The teaching/education element of the volunteer service is vital to the learning process. Master Gardener volunteers are not available to pull weeds or plant flowers, unless they are involved in teaching others how to do these tasks.

** Projects will not be accepted unless there is a project leader directing activity.

** Projects that are accepted will be posted on our volunteer bulletin board for self-selection.

Information about your organization:

Name/Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Project Title: _____

Project Information/Description:

Contact Person/Project Leader: _____

(All volunteers will deal directly with this person)

Where is the project to be held?

Who will benefit from the education the Master Gardeners can provide? (i.e. age groups involved, etc.)

What educational value does or will this project provide?

How many people will be educated?

What educational material(s) can you provide?

What is the timeline of the project? How many days, weeks, etc. will it run? Is it short-term or long-term?

How many Master Gardener Volunteers could be utilized? (per day, week, one time only, etc.)
(This does not guarantee a project will be selected by volunteers.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return completed form to: MSU Extension, 775 Ball N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503

For MSU Extension Review Committee

Date: _____ Accepted: _____ Denied: _____

Project # _____

Comments:

Signatures