Dear Yavapai County Resident -

Thank you for expressing an interest in the next Master Gardener Volunteer training class. Following are the training options for 2025.

## Master Gardener Volunteer Training

The purpose of this class is to train volunteers who will then share their science-based learning within the community. Topics: botany, soils, irrigation, composting, planting/staking, wildlife, garden insects, vegetable gardening, weed management and public outreach.

## Requirements:

- Attend a 17-week class (January 15, 2025 to May 7, 2025) on Wednesday mornings, 9:00am to 12:30pm in Prescott
- Comply with the University of Arizona requirements to become a UA volunteer
- Volunteer at least 50 hours within 1 year of training and for each subsequent year volunteer at least 25 hours and attend 12 hours of continuing education
- Pay non-refundable fee of \$275 when accepted into the class

## **Home Horticulture Class**

This class is for those who want to learn science-based practices for gardening in the central highlands but not make the volunteer commitment. The course is a condensed version of the same principles taught in the Master Gardener Volunteer training. Examples of topics: botany, irrigation, soils, composting, fertilizers, planting/staking, wildlife, garden insects, vegetable gardening and weed management. Requirements:

- Attend a seven-week class (between September and October 2025 dates to be determined)
- 2-hour classes will be held in the evenings via Zoom
- Pay non-refundable fee of \$125 when accepted into the class
- Applications will be available in August 2025

The application for the 2025 Master Gardener Volunteer training is attached. It is a fillable PDF form. You may email it to: <a href="mailto:barnesm@arizona.edu">barnesm@arizona.edu</a> or send via U.S. Mail – the address is on the application. Applications must be received or postmarked by December 1, 2024

Applications will be reviewed in early December. The results of that process will be emailed in mid-December, when you will be notified of acceptance into the class. The class will be limited to 30 attendees due to space limitations.

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