



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Cooperative Extension

Yavapai County - Master Gardeners

Dear Yavapai County Resident –

Thank you for expressing interest in the next Master Gardener Volunteer training class. The purpose of this class is to train volunteers who will then share their science-based learning within the community. Topics include botany, soils, irrigation, composting, planting/staking, wildlife, garden insects, vegetable gardening, weed management and public outreach.

Requirements:

- Attend a 17-week class (January 21, 2026 to May 13, 2026) on Wednesday mornings, 9:00am to 12:30pm at the Camp Verde Community Library
- 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 (fee includes handbook)

The application for the 2026 Master Gardener Volunteer training is attached. It is a fillable PDF form. You may email it to: barnesm@arizona.edu or send via U.S. Mail – the address is on the application. Applications must be received or postmarked by December 1, 2025

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 24 attendees due to space limitations.

If you would prefer to learn science-based practices for gardening in the central highlands but not make the volunteer commitment, we will have a Home Horticulture seven-session class next September/October (2026 dates to be determined). That course is a condensed version of the same principles taught in the Master Gardener Volunteer training. Those are 2-hour evening Zoom classes. The fee is \$125 when accepted into the class. Applications will be available in August 2026. Please email Mary Barnes, barnesm@arizona.edu if you would like to receive an application for that class.

Regards,

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