

Spring 2021 Hybrid Master Gardener Course Overview

Thank you for your interest in the Hybrid Master Gardener course for Coconino County! This course will meet via Zoom on Wednesdays from noon to 1:30 pm. There will be online learning before each class session. In order to participate, you must have reliable internet service, an updated browser compatible with D2L, and the ability to log in to the course at least once a week. Plan to spend around 1-2 hours each week working through the course material.

Dates and Times

The class will run from January 27th through May 19th. The class will meet via Zoom on Wednesdays from noon-1:30 pm. If conditions allows, we may have some outdoor in-person sessions in April and May. These sessions will be recorded if you are unable or unwilling to attend in-person classes.

Coconino Master Gardener Certification (Fee: \$200)

Coconino Certified Master Gardener Volunteers are trained in researched based home horticulture practices in order to serve their communities through gardening centered volunteerism. The Master Gardener program is one of the largest volunteer programs in the country, with over 83,000 volunteers nationwide.

Requirements to become a Certified Arizona Master Gardener Volunteer

- Appreciate volunteerism and serving your community through education and environmental stewardship
- Enjoy helping others by sharing your horticultural knowledge
- Attend each weekly class and complete weekly quizzes or assignments
- Pass the final exam with a score of 70% or higher
- Complete Designated Campus Colleague (DCC) training through the University of Arizona
- Contribute 50 gardening related volunteer service hours within 13 months of completion of the course
- Commit to 6 additional education hours plus 12 volunteer hours after initial certification to maintain your Arizona Master Gardener Certification each year

If this doesn't sound like the right class for you, consider taking either the Arizona Cooperative Extension Home Horticulture Certificate.

Note: Course fee does not include the Arizona Master Gardener Manual, which may be ordered online for \$45 plus shipping. Currently the manual is not available online.

The Coconino Master Gardener Program offers many volunteer opportunities with Coconino Cooperative Extension including anwsering gardening questions, teaching classes, or assisting with workshops. You can also volunteer with the Coconino Master Gardener Association with meetings, presentations, the Grow Flagstaff! Seed Library, writing for the Arizona Daily Sun, and more. You can volunteer at several non-profit organizations such as the Arboretum at Flagstaff, Olivia White Hospice Home Garden, and the Museum of Northern Arizona. There are also opportunities at local schools, state and national parks, and community gardens.

Absences and Refund Policy

You will be expected to attend all classes but you may miss three of the sixteen classes. Once you have been accepted into the course and you have paid your course fee, there will be no refunds issued.

Textbook

The Arizona Master Gardener Manual is the textbook for the course. Once you have been accepted into the program, it can be purchased online for \$45 plus shipping through the University of Arizona bookstore. Here is the link:

http://shop.uabookstore.arizona.edu/main/wildcats/Pre-Order/Cooperative-Extension/AZ-Master-Gardener-Manual

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