2017 Spring Master Gardener
Tentative Class Schedule

Session 1  Course Overview, Basic Botany
Session 2  Soils
Session 3  Vegetables
Session 4  Urban Forestry
Session 5  Entomology
Session 6  Irrigation
Session 7  Pruning
Session 8  Plant Problem Diagnosis
Session 9  Invasive Plants/Wildlife Damage
Session 10  Tree & Small Fruit
Session 11  Xeriscape/Native Plants
Session 12  Ornamentals
Session 13  Plant Propagation
Session 14  Garden Tours
Session 15  Volunteering

Date & Time:
Tuesdays, Jan. 24, 2017 to May 9, 2017
1 pm to 4:30 pm
No class March 14, 2017

Cost:
$200- includes Master Gardener Manual

Location:
TBD

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What is the Master Gardener Program?

The Master Gardener program is a nation-wide program offered through the Cooperative Extension network for those interested in learning more about the specific gardening and horticulture needs in their geographic areas. The Coconino County Master Gardener program emphasizes the needs and challenges of high country gardening. The program involves both classroom learning experience and a hands-on volunteer commitment to share gardening skills with the community.

Master Gardener Training

Training is offered in Flagstaff each year. Fifteen classes consisting of typically three hour sessions with a total of 45 hours. For an application, contact us at (928) 774-1868 x110 or by e-mail to: bgobble@email.arizona.edu

Classes are taught by University of Arizona Extension professionals, Master Gardeners and other horticulture experts. The Coconino program covers the challenges specific to high altitude gardening. Sample topics covered include:

- Botany
- Soils
- Composting
- Native Plants
- Fruit Trees
- Plant Problem Diagnosis
- Pruning
- Vegetables
- Ornamentals
- Entomology
- Xeriscape
- Urban Forestry

Commitment

Coconino County’s Master Gardener Program has two expectations and requirements:

- Completion of the classroom course requirements
- Completion of the volunteer service component within 13 months of classroom participation

Upon completion of both, you become a certified Master Gardener.

Benefits of being a Master Gardener:

Help educate your community by:

- Helping other gardeners solve plant problems
- Promoting environmental responsibility through water conservation and managed pest control
- Beautifying your community by teaching about appropriate plants for our climate
- Working with schools, community gardens and local organizations to improve their knowledge and skills about gardening and horticulture

Education for you by:

- Participating in Master Gardener projects
- Joining Extension educational workshops
- Attending statewide gardening conferences
- Sharing your knowledge with others by teaching and responding to their questions

Fun and Friendship by:

- Working with some of the most talented and interesting gardeners in your community
- Participating in team projects in your community

Who May Participate?

Anyone interested in horticulture may participate. All you need is an interest in improving your gardening and horticulture skills and the desire to work with and share your knowledge with others.

Volunteer Service

The volunteer service component of the Master Gardener program is your opportunity to share your newly learned knowledge through “hands-on” community involvement. You can participate in a wide variety of volunteer gardening opportunities of your choosing and time schedule. Past Master Gardener participants have chosen to:

- Improve the landscaping at nearby State Parks
- Volunteer at The Arboretum at Flagstaff
- Design and complete the landscaping for local agencies and churches
- Teach gardening skills to young people
- Write for the Master Gardener column
- Volunteer in the NAU greenhouse
- Answer questions at the Flagstaff Community Market
- Give talks at the Flagstaff Home and Garden Show
- Organize garden tours
- Assist with the Coconino Master Gardener Association

Why become a Master Gardener Volunteer?

As a Master Gardener you can help to educate and advise home gardeners in your community. Many newcomers and inexperienced gardeners in the high country are in great need of gardening advice. Our climate has unique and challenging growing conditions. Our informative training will give you the knowledge and skills not only to make you a better high country gardener—but the ability and confidence to share your skills and knowledge with your neighbors and community.