

November 2, 2009



Dear Gardening Enthusiast:

The Purdue Cooperative Extension Service of Madison County will be offering the Master Gardener Intern Training beginning Tuesday, January 12, 2010. The sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the Unity Church located at 2425 Mounds Road in Anderson from 6-9 p.m. We will accept the first 30 applicants for the series.

The purpose of the Purdue Master Gardener program is to train volunteers to assist the Extension Office with horticultural education programs. The program involves classroom training and volunteer service helping with horticultural education in the community. The volunteer service can be fulfilled in a number of ways to be discussed during the Master Gardener series. Presenters for the series will include Extension Educators and local horticultural experts.

Topics for the Master Gardener program are as follows:

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Topics</i>
January 12	Orientation, Pre-test, and Pesticide Safety
January 19	Soils and Plant Nutrition
January 26	Plant Science
February 2	Insect Identification and Control
February 9	Weed Identification and Control
February 16	Plant Disease Diagnosis
February 23	Animal Pests
March 2	Veggies
March 9	Woody Ornamentals
March 16	Herbaceous Ornamentals
March 23	Lawn Care
March 30	No class
April 6	Final Exam
April 8 (Thursday)	Volunteer Project Fair (Discuss volunteer projects and return exams)

To obtain the Master Gardener title, participants are required to participate in all training sessions listed and to pass a final exam with a score of 70 percent or higher. After successfully completing the training, participants must also serve 35 hours of volunteer service as arranged in cooperation with the coordinating Extension Educator.

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To enroll in the Master Gardener class, return the enclosed registration form. Please enclose the registration fee of \$95.00 for one person or \$130.00 for two people wanting to share materials. The fee covers a Master Gardener handout set, 3-ring binder, as well as other expenses related to the program. Checks should be made payable to the CES Education Fund. Space may be limited so please return your form immediately! Registrations are due by December 31, 2009. You will receive a letter confirming your placement in the class.

I will be looking forward to receiving your registration for the 2010 Madison County Master Gardener Intern Training program.

Sincerely,

John Orick
Extension Educator
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Enclosure: Registration form