

## Class Information

Training for the Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program in Cabarrus County typically begins every January and lasts for 17 weeks. You will gain knowledge in topics such as entomology, landscape design, turf grass, soils, fruits and vegetables from Extension Agents and Specialists from NC State & NC A&T Universities. If you have any questions please contact Lauren Hill, Cabarrus County Cooperative Extension Agent at (704) 920-3310 or by email at [lhunca3@ncsu.edu](mailto:lhunca3@ncsu.edu)

Visit the Cabarrus County Extension Master Gardener Website for monthly meeting information:

<http://mastergardenerscabarrus.org/>

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*The Cabarrus County Center of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension* is a branch of NC State University and NC A&T State University. Its mission is to educate the citizens of the County through informal educational opportunities by providing practical information gained through the latest research in agriculture, family consumer science, 4-H and youth, and community and rural development. People are encouraged to use this information to enhance the quality of their lives and those of their families. The NC Cooperative Extension is funded by county, state, and federal level of government.

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## Extension Master Gardener<sup>SM</sup> Program Training for Cabarrus County



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# What is the Extension Master Gardener Program?

The Extension Master Gardener Program is a national program of trained volunteers who work in partnership with their county Cooperative Extension Office to extend research-based information throughout the community. The first Master Gardener Program was started in Washington State in 1972. Forty-six states now have Extension Master Gardener Programs with over 18,000 people participating nationwide and in Canada.

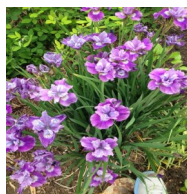
The Extension Master Gardeners provide volunteer leadership and service to their community in gardening activities. This service can consist of answering gardening questions by telephone, conducting plant clinics, school gardening, and other activities that promote gardening.

In North Carolina, Extension Master Gardeners are sponsored by NC Cooperative Extension.



## How do I become an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer?

The desire to help others is the first requirement. A personal commitment to complete the required training and to serve a minimum of 40 volunteer service hours during the intern period (The first year). Then after becoming certified EMGV must complete 20 volunteer hours and 10 education hours to remain active. Volunteer hours are flexible depending on interest and time availability.



## How do I benefit from the Extension Master Gardener Program?

Through the initial training program and subsequent advanced Extension Master Gardener training sessions and workshops, you will become a more knowledgeable gardener. As part of your training, you will receive many publications and other related materials. You will be able to attend Extension Master Gardener workshops around the State as well as international conferences. Through special seminars and workshops, Extension Master Gardeners are kept current on gardening information and methods. You will travel with other Cabarrus County Extension Master Gardeners to interesting gardens and nurseries. And finally, you will meet people who share your interest in gardening and desire to help others.

## Is The Extension Master Gardener Program for You?

To help you decide if you should apply to be an Extension Master Gardener ask yourself these questions:

- Do I want to learn more about the care of many types of plants?
- Am I eager to participate in a practical and intense training program?
- Do I look forward to sharing my knowledge with people in my community?
- Do I have enough time to attend training and to complete volunteer service?

If you answered yes to these questions, the Extension Master Gardener program could be for you!

Learn more about NC Extension Master Gardener Program:

<http://www.ncstategardening.org>

***To become a Extension Master Gardener in Cabarrus County, please contact:***

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