Master Gardener Volunteers at Work





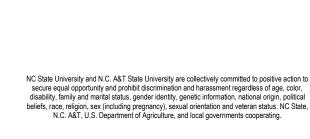


ABOUT N.C. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

North Carolina Cooperative Extension is a strategic partnership of NC State Extension, The Cooperative Extension Program at N.C. A&T State University, USDA-NIFA, and 101 local governments statewide. Extension professionals in all 100 counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee translate research-based education from our state's land-grant universities, NC State and N.C. A&T, into everyday solutions. Extension specializes in agriculture, youth, communities, food, health and the environment by responding to local needs.

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So You Want to be an Extension Master GardenerSM

The Extension Master Gardener Program in Harnett County





What is a Master Gardener volunteer?

Someone excited to learn about gardening and landscaping

A person committed to sharing knowledge with our community

Someone hungry to better their gardening skills

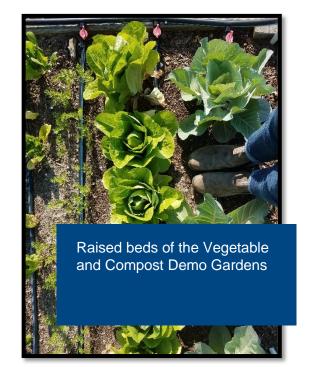
A person excited about learning alongside others and developing relationships

Someone enthusiastic about lifelong learning

What we do

Extension Master Gardener Volunteers (EMGVs) are members of the community enthusiastic about gardening, horticulture, and the natural world, and wish to share their knowledge by helping others in their community. We help Cooperative Extension disseminate research-based information to educate the public about the best gardening practices that protect the environment and conserve natural resources.

EMGVs are trained in a broad array of gardening topics by NC State horticulture experts. In exchange for this training, we contribute time with Harnett County Cooperative Extension educating the public about gardening.



Training

The Extension Master Gardener Training
Course is held on a yearly basis at the Harnett
County Center of NC Cooperative Extension.
The course spans approximately 14 weeks and
is taught by the Harnett County Horticulture
Agent. Our jam-packed course ranges from
botany to propagation, from soils to small fruits,
from organic gardening to insects and weeds.
Once the training has been completed, students,
now interns, are prepared to approach problems
with a trained eye and tackle gardening projects
from an informed perspective. Students will
able to serve our community and extend the
reach of North Carolina Cooperative Extension
in Harnett County.

Course fees are \$110 to cover class materials and programs.



Tea scale on camellia. A common question to come into the Master Gardener lab.

Volunteering

Within one year of completing the training course, Master Gardener interns begin their volunteering duties by completing 40 hours of service. Opportunities include:

- Answering questions in the Master Gardener Lab
- Diagnosing plant, insect, and disease problems
- Creating and maintaining demonstration gardens
- Share presentations with communities and civic groups
- Working with children in schools and local libraries
- Serving as a consultant for community gardens

