

Master Gardener Volunteers at Work



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So You Want to be an Extension Master GardenerSM

The Extension Master Gardener
Program in Harnett County

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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.



Raised beds of the Vegetable and Compost Demo Gardens

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 be 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

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