



Sauk County UW-Extension  
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To: Master Gardener Volunteer Applicant  
From: Phyllis Both, Horticulture Educator  
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RE: 2018-19 Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program

Thank you for your interest in Sauk County University of Wisconsin-Extension's Master Gardener Volunteer Training program. We are currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 program.

Since its inception in Wisconsin, the Master Gardener Volunteer program has continued to be a premier community service-learning program connecting America's foremost past time – gardening -- with volunteer opportunities in the areas we live. In a combination of informal lectures and service-learning activities, participants in the Master Gardener Volunteer program have the opportunity to expand their horticultural background, network with like-minded people, and return something to the community.

Sauk County UW-Extension's program consists of 36-hours of intense, yet informal, lecture-type classes offered on Saturday mornings, mid-August through mid-November, 9am to 12pm, at the West Square Building downtown Baraboo. Our program is a mix of local instruction, webinar lecture and hands on activity. You will be introduced to the foundations of horticultural sciences and taught how to find answers to commonly asked gardening questions using the appropriate resources.

To successfully earn your Master Gardener Volunteer status, participants must complete a minimum of 36-hours of the initial training, pass the final exam, and complete a minimum of 24-hours volunteer service by August 31, 2019.

Registration for the program is \$175 (total) and covers all resource materials and costs associated with the program. \$25 of the cost is returned to an applicant if they become certified.

Attached you will find an application form, volunteer service agreement, and background check form. Please complete and return all forms to the stated address along with check or money order. You will receive notification of acceptance into the program sometime in August. No refunds will be given after the program begins in September.

Our goal is to create for you an awarding, educational, and enjoyable experience. Class enrollment is typically limited to ensure individual attention. However, experience has shown those who actively participate in volunteer and social opportunities in addition to class achieve the most rewarding experience from the program. *You only get as much out of the program as you are willing to put into it.*

I look forward to your participation in the Master Gardener Training program!

# **ATTENTION**

**CLASS WILL BE LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS.**

**APPLICANTS WILL BE SCREENED ON A FIRST COME BASIS.**

**BE SURE TO RETURN:**

- COMPLETED APPLICATION with interview date selected.**
- SIGNED VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT**
- CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO  
'SCMGA or Sauk County Master Gardener Association'**
- RETURN APPLICATION TO:  
Sauk County UW-Extension  
Phyllis Both  
505 Broadway  
Baraboo, WI 53913**
- Deadline: August 1, 2018**