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MASTER GARDENER™ TRAINEE APPLICATION
OSU Extension Service Master Gardener™ Course
February 14 - May 30, 2018
Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
APPLICATIONS DUE Monday, January 22, 2018

Thank you for your interest in the Klamath County Oregon State University (OSU) Master Gardener™ Program. The OSU Master Gardener™ Program emphasizes research-based education on plants and plant systems, environmental stewardship, responsible home gardening practices, and community food partnerships. In exchange for training, individuals who become Master Gardeners contribute time as volunteers, working through the OSU Klamath Basin Research and Extension Center (KBREC). Volunteer work includes helping the public in the Master Gardener Plant Clinic located at the OSU Extension office. The Master Gardener Program Coordinator determines which community opportunities are appropriate for the utilization of volunteer hours. Through community outreach activities, trained volunteers extend research-based gardening information to citizens throughout Klamath County and outlying areas. During 2016, for example, Klamath County Master Gardeners volunteered over 3,000 hours lending their expertise, time, and special talents toward a variety of activities and viable community projects. At the Plant Clinic, they assisted hundreds of local residents. Currently, the program has over 40 active volunteers, who contributed a value of over \$73,000 to our community last year.

Becoming a certified Master Gardener in Klamath County involves completing an application packet, being accepted into the program, attending a 14-week horticulture training program, completing weekly assignments, and volunteering 42 hours post-training.

Part I: Class Training

Class training topics are taught by OSU faculty, veteran Master Gardeners, and local horticulture experts. **Classes begin on Wednesday, February 14 at the OSU KBREC Learning Center and continue each Wednesday through May 30, 2018.** (Classes do not meet March 28). Classes last from 9 AM to 4 PM. Participants must attend at least 80% of the class time. In mid-May, trainees will receive a take-home exam. The exam will be reviewed on the last day of class. Trainees are expected to score at least 70% on the exam.

Several gardening topics are covered during classroom training. The following are some examples of Master Gardener classes:

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| Botany | Tree Fruits/Pruning | Weed I.D. and Management |
| Soil Basics | Diagnosing Plant Problems | Greenhouse Growing |
| Entomology | Vegetable Gardening | Plant Diseases |
| Composting | Water-wise Gardening | Plant I.D. and Taxonomy |

Part 2: Experiential Learning/Volunteerism

Because it is important to practice and cultivate skills, part of the OSU Master Gardener™ Program involves at least 42 hours of experiential learning/volunteer “payback” hours. A minimum of 21 hours will be spent working at the Plant Clinic help desk located at the OSU Extension office. The Plant Clinic help desk is where clients call, email, or walk-in with gardening questions. The Plant Clinic is open from May to September during designated hours. Participants must complete 42 hours of documented volunteer service by September 30th, 2018 to become an Oregon State University certified Master Gardener™ volunteer and to receive the official name badge. Upon completing the training, volunteer service requirement, and graduating from the program, a Master Gardener is certified for one calendar year as an Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener™. For further information about the program, contact the Program Coordinator, Nicole Sanchez, at 541-883-7131.

Dismissal of a Master Gardener Volunteer

A volunteer may be reassigned or dismissed at the sole discretion of OSU Klamath Basin Research and Extension Center. Disregard for the policies and guidelines established by OSU Klamath County Master Gardener™ Program are grounds for dismissal of a Master Gardener Volunteer. Other examples of conduct which could lead to disciplinary action include, but are not limited to: illegal activity; behavior which compromises the health and safety of volunteers, OSU employees, or clientele; being habitually disruptive to the overall program; unwilling or unable to work amicably with agents, program coordinator, and/or volunteer leaders; conduct which is harmful to the Master Gardener program's reputation; or failure to relinquish/rotate leadership roles. The nature and seriousness of the infraction or violation will determine whether the option of reassignment or dismissal should be considered.

Before any official action is taken, the County Extension Agent and/or immediate Extension supervisor should counsel with a volunteer(s) when reassignment or dismissal is being considered. If dismissal is decided by Extension, communication with the volunteer(s) will be done in confidentiality.

MASTER GARDENER™ APPLICATION

Applications Due by: Monday, January 22, 2018

Name (please type or print): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Select one option below and check the appropriate box.

- I want to take the Master Gardener course of instruction AND volunteer the 42 hours required by my county Extension office, en route to becoming a certified OSU Extension Master Gardener. The cost of this option is \$175, and includes the Master Gardener Handbook. I agree to pay Klamath County Extension an additional \$175 (to total the \$350 non-volunteer course fee) if I do not satisfy my volunteer commitment within 1 year of completing the course.
- I want to take the Master Gardener course of instruction and NOT volunteer any time for a cost of \$350. This fee includes the Master Gardener Handbook, and does not require a volunteer commitment.
- I am a member of Klamath District Garden Clubs and would like to take advantage of a one-time, \$50 discount on the program (\$125 with volunteer service_____, \$300 without volunteer service_____).

The Klamath County Master Gardener Association is offering limited support to those in financial need for the 2018 program year. A \$50 rebate is offered with the volunteer option above, *upon completion of the required volunteer service*. (Not available in addition to Garden Clubs discount). Check here for more information about this program _____.

Please briefly answer the questions that follow.

How did you learn of the Master Gardener™ Program?

How many years of gardening experience do you have?

Please list any specialized garden-related training you have received.

What interests you and what do you expect to gain from the Master Gardener™ program?

Please list areas of specialization or hobbies (e.g. vegetables, greenhouses, roses, etc.)

Do you have gardening club or garden-related group affiliations? If so, what are they?

In what ways could you best contribute to the Master Gardener™ program? For example: teaching, 4-H and youth projects, senior projects, horticultural demonstrations, web page construction and maintenance, etc.

Please list volunteer activities in which you have participated within the last five years.

Please list one personal reference, include address and phone number.

Please list general days and times that you know you will *not be available* for volunteer service (vacation, job, and other regular commitments).

The following information is required on federal reports and affects funding. Ethnic data is required for institutional compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Please check the appropriate boxes.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White, non-Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Male |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American, non-Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American or Alaskan Native | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More than one race | |

I certify that all the information given in this application is true, accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Complete this application form and return it, by Monday, January 22, 2018, to:
OSU-KBREC 6923 Washburn Way, Klamath Falls, OR 97603
or, you may email this form to nicole.sanchez@oregonstate.edu

A letter of acceptance is required to enter the course as a Master Gardener trainee. Early application is encouraged as space is limited.

Oregon State University Extension Service offers educational programs, activities, and materials *without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital status, disability, and disabled veteran or Vietnam-era veteran status* as required by Title VI of the Civil

Letter of Agreement

The Oregon State University Master Gardener™ Program is a voluntary educational opportunity designed to meet our community's gardening needs. The purpose of the program is to teach interested individuals more about growing plants. Specifically, we aim to provide information and technical assistance about gardening and horticultural practices through qualified, certified volunteers.

I am aware that I must complete the following to be certified as an OSU Master Gardener™ volunteer:

1. Apply and be accepted into the OSU Master Gardener™ Program in Klamath County.
2. Attend 80% of the classroom training.
3. Complete/submit 42 hours of documented volunteer service by Sept. 30th, 2018.
4. Pass the open-book, take-home exam with a 70% or higher.

How would you like your name to appear on your OSU Master Gardener™ badge? (Last name not required in full if you prefer to use an initial).

First

Last

I understand the requirements listed above. I agree to follow all policies and procedures of the Oregon State University Master Gardener™ Program in Klamath County. If, for reasons beyond my control, I am unable to fulfill my commitment, I will make a voluntary, tax deductible donation of my \$175 registration fee to OSU Extension Service. I understand it is my responsibility to collect a tax donation form from the OSU Extension Office if I want it for tax purposes.

Signature of OSU Master Gardener™ Candidate

Date

Important: Trained Master Gardener volunteers have an opportunity to join the Klamath County Master Gardener Association (KCMGA) and expand their contributions to the local community by sharing the knowledge they have acquired. The KCMGA sponsors several events throughout the year. It is optional to participate in the Master Gardener Chapter activities. The KCMGA is a separate non-profit organization focused on supporting the OSU Extension Master Gardener™ Program.