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Master Gardener Volunteers are...

- **Motivated** to share their knowledge and expertise.
- **Accessible** to other Master Gardeners, horticulture and Extension professionals, and the public.
- **Service-oriented** to enhance their communities and the environment.
- **Trained** by Cooperative Extension in current horticultural practices.
- **Excited** about meeting other people who enjoy gardening.
- **Research ambassadors** who provide cutting-edge horticultural information to

Autauga County Master Gardeners touch lives through:

- Donations to the Autauga Interfaith Caring Center (more than 1,000 pounds of produce yearly)
- Demonstration Garden
- Community landscape beautification projects
- Prattvillage Community Garden
- School landscape and classroom projects
- Environmental awareness education
- Rain Garden
- Field trips around the southeast
- Seasonal gardening workshops



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Autauga County Master Gardeners Volunteer Program

Transforming Lives...One Person at a Time



What is the Master Gardener Program?

The Autauga County Master Gardener Volunteer Program is an educational program offered through county offices of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

Through the program, individuals are trained and certified in horticulture and related areas. These individuals, in turn, volunteer their expertise and services to help others through horticultural projects that benefit the community.

The Master Gardener Program trains volunteers, who work through Extension, to bring the latest horticultural information and practices from the world of research to their communities' landscapes and gardens.

Through the Master Gardener program, thousands of people in the United States and Canada have been trained as volunteers.

How did the Master Gardener Program begin?

The concept of Master Gardener volunteer training began more than 30 years ago. Overwhelmed by requests for gardening information, Seattle Extension agent David Gibby recruited home gardeners. In exchange for specialized training in horticulture, these gardeners made a commitment to spend time doing volunteer outreach work.

What does the Master Gardener Program provide?

The Autauga Master Gardener training program provides more than 40 hours of classroom and hands-on instruction in horticulture and related areas. The classes provide home gardeners with the information they need to become skilled Master Gardeners.

Classes in the training program include:

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| Landscape Design | Annuals and Perennials |
| Lawn Care | Plant Propagation |
| Plant Selection | Vegetable Gardening |
| Environmental Conservation | Soil Science |
| | Weed Control |

Courses are taught by Specialist from Auburn University and Alabama A&M University, Regional Extension Agents from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, local specialists, and veteran Master Gardeners.



What does the Master Gardener Program require?

In exchange for the training, participants are obligated to return an equal amount of volunteer service time on projects that benefit their communities. These projects can range from working on community horticultural projects to helping answer questions through the county Extension office to conducting garden club programs.



When and where is the Master Gardener training course offered?

The Master Gardener training program is taught once a week over a 12 week period in the Spring. A \$125 registration fee is charged to cover the cost of the training manual and supplies.

Classes are from February to the middle of May from 9 AM until 2 PM at the Autauga County Extension office in Autaugaville.

For more specific dates and times, please contact the Autauga County Extension office at (334) 361-7273.

Return your completed form to the Autauga County Extension Office or an Application is available online at www.aces.edu/counties/Autauga

YES, I would like to become an Autauga County Master Gardener volunteer!
Please send me information about the next training program and a Master Gardener Program application form.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____