

# 21 Fall 2013 MG Class Interns Graduate

Interns reported 1,556 volunteer hours during the year

A graduation ceremony took place for the Fall 2013 TriCounty Master Gardener Class on Nov. 11, 2014, at Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Madison. Fitting to the late fall season, tables and decorations were festooned with gourds, pumpkins, chrysanthemums, along with fresh greens and cheery florals, all brought by the volunteers planning the graduation ceremony and casual dinner.

Twenty-one Master Gardener Interns qualified as certified Master Gardeners since completing their classroom instruction last fall.

Attending the Fall 2013 class graduation were: **Ralph Bryson, Shih-Hung Chou, Patty Cowart, Polly Greek, Marsha Harris, Harriet Hess, Jeanna Heyse, Phyllis Hubbs, Amy Kirsch, Melissa Kuenzli, Doris Lawler, Larry Moss, Pam Ogg, Bob Riccelli, Ken Tippie, and Ameree Young.** Graduates not at the ceremony were: **Karen Lawler, Cynthia Lindblom, Walter Lindblom, Sonia Norris and JoAnn Wright.**

Interns must log 50 volunteer service hours in addition to their classroom hours. This Master Gardener class logged an impressive 1,556 hours! This time was given in a wide range of settings including, but not limited to, answering Help Line calls at county extension offices, volunteering with Master Gardener associations, with beautification programs, and at botanical gardens, community gardens, Habitat for Humanity, school gardens and much more.

The graduates join the more than 200 active Master Gardeners volunteering across Limestone, Madison and Morgan counties, all committed to supporting the efforts of our Alabama Cooperative Extension System, local Master Gardener associations, and the numerous gardening projects and initiatives in the Tennessee Valley.



Twenty-one students from the Fall 2013 TriCounty Master Gardener Class graduated on Nov. 11, 2014. Five were unable to attend. Also shown are Regional Extension Agent Ken Creel, who oversees the TriCounty Master Gardener Program, and Master Gardener Alice Lawler, who is the TriCounty class coordinator.



These volunteers from Limestone, Madison and Morgan counties came early to decorate and organize the meal prior to the graduation ceremonies.



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