

**2019 Training Class
UC Master Gardeners of
Napa County**

Want to join the 2019 class?

Applications for the 2019 class will only be available at scheduled informational meetings.

Attend one informational meeting to receive your application:

2018

INFORMATION MEETING DATES

- 1:30-3 pm, Sat., July 28 – NAPA
- 12-1:30 pm, Thurs., Aug. 2 – YOUNTVILLE
- 12-1:30 pm, Tue., Aug. 21 – ST. HELENA
- 7-8:30 pm, Tue., Aug. 21 – NAPA
- 1-2:30 pm, Sat., Sept. 8 – NAPA
- 1-2:30 pm, Sun., Sept. 16 – AMER CANYON
- 12-1:30 pm, Tue., Sept. 25 – NAPA
(tentative date)

***Applications Due:
5pm, Fri., Sept. 28, 2018***

LOCATION ADDRESSES

NAPA UCCE MEETING ROOM
1710 Soscol Avenue, Napa

AMERICAN CANYON LIBRARY
300 Crawford Way, American Canyon

**YOUNTVILLE VETERANS PARK
(near Bocci Courts)**
6465 Washington St., Yountville

ST.HELENA LYMAN PARK
1498 Main Street, St. Helena

Some benefits of being a UC Master Gardener:

- Recognition as part of Cooperative Extension's team of volunteer educators.
- Association with fun, interesting people committed to learning and teaching others about gardening.
- Community recognition of personal special skills as a Certified UC Master Gardener.
- Up-to-date horticulture training from University experts, including hands-on practice.
- An improved understanding of how plants grow and respond to the environment.
- Access to a collection of extension publications.



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How can I contact Master Gardeners?

Master Gardeners (MG) staff the MG Office Help Desk on Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 am – 12 pm.

Bring your samples of insects, weeds, and diseased plants to the Help Desk for diagnosis.

You can call, walk-in or e-mail your garden questions to the UC Master Gardeners of Napa County hotline:

From Napa
707-253-4221
From American Canyon & Upvalley
877-279-3065 (toll free)

Office Help Desk
UC Cooperative Extension office
1710 Soscol Avenue, Suite 4
Napa, CA 94559

EMAIL
mastergardeners@countyofnapa.org

WEBSITE
<http://napamg.ucanr.edu>

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Visit the Master Gardener website for a list of current workshops and special events. Master Gardeners are also available to give talks for garden clubs and other community organizations.

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The mission of the UC Master Gardener program is to extend research based information on home horticulture, pest management and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of California and be guided by our core values and strategic initiatives.

Napa County UC Master Gardener program address identified needs of home gardeners in Napa County.

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What is the UC Master Gardener Program of Napa County?

The UC Master Gardener Program of Napa County is a volunteer organization associated with the University of California Cooperative Extension. Master Gardeners are trained, unpaid teaching staff certified to extend practical horticultural information to home gardeners.



Who becomes a Master Gardener?

Master Gardeners are adults of all ages and all walks of life who reside in Napa County. They include local business people, professionals, educators, retirees, and people who work in or outside the home. All have experience and knowledge of plants and home gardening. They have a desire to learn and help others learn about home gardening. We encourage bilingual applicants.

Master Gardeners are enthusiastic, have time to volunteer, are willing to learn and help others, can effectively communicate and work with diverse groups of people.

The Napa County program began in 1995 and since then 421 local residents have completed the training and 144 volunteers are currently active in Napa County.

What type of volunteer work does a Master Gardener do?

Master Gardeners:

- staff an information desk in the University of California Cooperative Extension office;
- answer questions, diagnose plant problems, and give horticultural information;
- provide information at public meetings, farmers markets and through talks and demonstrations to local groups;
- teach gardening topics at workshops and demonstrations;
- are a resource for community gardening projects;
- staff mobile help desks at local nurseries and gardening centers.



What is the Master Gardener's commitment to the program?

Master Gardeners are expected to make at least a 2 year commitment to the program.

Master Gardener volunteers agree to the following time commitment the first year:

- complete 11 week training program (January- March, every Tuesday)
- complete the group project and pass final take home exam
- attend the Thursday all day field trip
- attend at least 6 monthly continuing education seminars during the first year.
- provide at least 51 volunteer hours to support educational programs including staffing the Office Help Desk.

Completion of the above earns the title of certified University of California Master Gardener volunteer.

To maintain certification and active status each subsequent year a master gardener must complete the following minimum:

- 25 hours volunteering in educational program activities
- 12 hours continuing education per year

Master Gardeners are selected based on their skills, ability and desire to fulfill this commitment and current needs of the program.

What training is provided to the Master Gardener?

Master Gardeners receive an intensive 11 week training program over a three-month period. Classes are taught on Tuesdays and a materials recovery fee is charged. The instruction provides a practical course in plant science and horticulture.

Topics include:

- Sustainable gardening
- Integrated pest management
- Soils and composting
- Disease and insect identification
- Plant problem diagnosis

Classes are taught by experts in their fields. They include Cooperative Extension advisors, specialists from the University of California at Davis and Berkeley, local community college faculty and other knowledgeable resource people.

The emphasis is on University-based research results applicable to local home gardens.

