

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY UC MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTIONS 2022

Master Gardener activities include a diverse assortment of projects. The following are just a small sampling of the activities available for volunteer participation. New projects are always being suggested by members in our group and by the community.

Helpline Office – Volunteers are available to answer home horticulture questions at our helpline office located at the San Joaquin County Cooperative Extension office. Master Gardeners are scheduled Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and answer telephone calls, emails and walk-in visitor home gardening questions.

Speaker's Bureau – Master Gardeners give presentations to garden clubs, libraries, schools, civic organizations and other groups.

Informational Displays - Master Gardeners participate in many local events, farmers markets and festivals throughout the county. We provide handouts and information and answer gardening questions the public may have.

Media Newspapers and Writing - Writing opportunities include writing news releases and gardening articles for local newspapers, blog articles, preparing leaflets for the Cooperative Extension and writing for the Master Gardener newsletter.

Website and Social Media – - Master Gardeners have a website and several social media pages including: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Pinterest. Volunteers can manage/schedule posts or contribute content for these sites.

School and Community Gardens - Master Gardeners assist local schools and community gardens that request guidance in having a successful garden.

San Joaquin Learning Landscape: Volunteers have an opportunity to be part of the demonstration garden located at the Master Gardener office. There are several sections volunteers can choose from and work days are planned throughout the year. Twice a year, we hold an Open Garden Day event where the public is invited to the garden and we provide information displays and presentations.

Volunteers can earn hours helping with annual volunteer trainings, being a mentor to new graduates, helping at our Smart Gardening Conference, attending monthly meetings, participating in committee meetings, growing plants for spring and fall plant sales, and many other opportunities that exist.