



***A succulent plant is potted up for an attendee at a Master Gardener event***

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## **How do I apply to become a Master Gardener?**

You must attend an informational meeting to receive an application. Register for one of the meetings listed below:

### **In Person Meetings:**

Napa UCCE Meeting Room, 1710 Soscol Avenue, Napa

**Saturday, July 30, 1-2 pm**

<http://ucanr.edu/MG2023InfoJul30>

**Saturday, August 20, 1-2 pm**

<http://ucanr.edu/MG2023InfoAug20>

### **Zoom Meetings:**

**Friday, August 12, 10-11 am**

<http://ucanr.edu/MG2023InfoAug12>

**Thursday, September 8, 10-11 am**

<http://ucanr.edu/MG2023InfoSep08>

**Wednesday, September 21, 6:30-7:30 pm**

<http://ucanr.edu/MG2023InfoSep21>

Registration links can also be found on our website:

**[napamg.ucanr.edu](http://napamg.ucanr.edu)**

The website also lists current workshops and special events.



***Master Gardeners show their plans to plant roses***

UC Master Gardeners of Napa County invites you to



# JOIN US!

Master Gardeners are adults of all ages and all walks of life who reside in Napa County. They have a desire to learn with the purpose of helping home gardeners become successful. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply.



***Master Gardener trainees engaged in plant problem diagnosis***

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

Applications for the program and training class will only be available at scheduled informational meetings. Attend one informational meeting to receive your application. A list of meetings is on the back of this brochure and also on our website: **[napamg.ucanr.edu](http://napamg.ucanr.edu)**

### **Application Deadline:**

5:00 pm, Friday, September 30, 2022

University of California Cooperative Extension

1710 Soscol Avenue, Suite 4

Napa, CA 94559-1315

707-253-4221

David Lewis, Director

Yvonne Rasmussen, Volunteer Coordinator

## Training class description

Master Gardeners receive an intensive 12-week training program from January – March. Students are expected to complete about 10 hours of independent learning time each week using our online platform, in addition to attending a hands-on class each Friday from 8:30 am-1 pm. The instruction provides a practical course in plant science and horticulture.

Topics include:

- Botany, plant pathology and entomology
- Sustainable gardening
- Integrated pest management (IPM)
- Soils and composting
- Disease and insect identification
- Plant problem diagnosis

## Cost

There is a charge of \$250 to cover the cost of materials, instruction and supplies. Partial scholarships are available upon request.



***A Master Gardener training class receives hands-on instruction about weeds***

Classes are taught by experts in their fields. They include Cooperative Extension advisors, specialists from the University of California and other qualified presenters. Hands-on learning is emphasized in most training class exercises.



***Master Gardeners participate in community events***

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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.*

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## Volunteer Activities

- Staff an information desk in the University of California Cooperative Extension office
- Answer questions, diagnose plant problems, and provide horticultural information
- Provide information at public meetings, farmers markets and through talks and demonstrations to local groups
- Teach gardening topics at workshops, library talks and other events
- Act as 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 Gardeners are selected based on their skills, ability and desire to fulfill this commitment and current needs of the program.

### Master Gardener trainee requirements:

- Attend an orientation meeting on November 4
- Complete some preliminary online assignments in November and early December to familiarize yourself with the online learning platform and policies and procedures of Master Gardeners
- Successfully complete the 12-week training class
- Receive fingerprint clearance from the California Department of Justice

### Upon graduation:

- Attend at least 6 monthly continuing education seminars after graduating. Seminars are held on the last Thursday morning of the month
- Accrue at least 50 volunteer hours to support educational programs including staffing the Office Help Desk

### To maintain certification and active status:

In subsequent years master gardeners must complete the following minimum:

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

### Benefits of being a UC Master Gardener:

- Association with fun, interesting people committed to teaching others about gardening
- Up-to-date horticulture training from University of California experts
- An improved understanding of how plants grow and respond to the environment