University of Idaho Extension – Canyon County

Advanced **Master Gardener Program**

The University of Idaho Advanced Master Gardener (AMG) Leadership Development Program offers an enhanced level of training to certified Idaho Master Gardeners to develop skills to address community issues. AMG volunteers receive regular, ongoing horticultural education and professional development topics and provide leadership to the community through horticultural projects and service approved by the Extension educator.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Regular meetings will be held Feb. – Dec. on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 pm *unless specified*.
- We will meet at the Canyon County Extension Office, 501 Main Street, Caldwell, ID, *unless specified*.
- Field trips will be scheduled in summer and fall.
- AMGs are invited to attend all Master Gardener field trips and workshops.
- **Course materials fee is $25 and includes all field trips, tours, an MG t-shirt and a new Advanced Master Gardener badge upon completion.**

Course Instructor(s):

Ariel Agenbroad, Extension Educator, is your primary instructor and course coordinator.
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Classes will also be taught by invited University of Idaho faculty, horticulture professionals and Master Gardeners.

Our **chief advisor** is retired instructor Ron Galloway, who can be reached at 208-602-0213 or janetg4@earthlink.net . Ron will be your contact for the Nampa Farmers' Market and Home Show. If you have questions and cannot reach Ariel, please call the office at 208-450-6003. The Canyon County Extension office is open M-F, 8 am to 5 pm.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM US

- High quality, university level instruction in home horticulture topics appropriate for Idaho.
- A professional, inclusive, and welcoming environment for **all learners**.
- Respect for your valuable time. We will do our best to start and end class on time.
- Timely communication via email or telephone if there are any changes to the schedule.
- One-on-one mentoring/tutoring throughout the certification process.
- Flexibility! We understand that adult learners lead busy lives.

WE'LL EXPECT FROM YOU

- Learners who take responsibility for their own success in the program and complete the minimum requirements.
- Communication from you if you have special needs.
- Class members who abide by the University of Idaho policies of diversity and non-discrimination.
- Class members who maintain a positive learning environment for everyone.
- Learners who respect *our* valuable time. Please let us know if you'll be coming late or leaving early.
- **CLASS MEMBERS WHO KEEP THEIR CELL PHONES QUIET DURING CLASS.**
- Class members who pitch in and help with set up, take down, refreshments and other classroom tasks. You'll even earn volunteer hours for doing so!

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Education:

Continuing education forms the cornerstone of the Canyon County AMG program. At least 10 educational meetings per year will be made available through the Canyon County Extension office. Classes may consist of guest speakers, lectures, videos, hands-on workshops, self-directed study and other activities related to home garden topics.

Master Gardeners seeking certification as an Advanced Master Gardener will attend at least 6 educational programs over the course of one calendar year. *Attendance at a workshop or seminar presented by Parks and Recreation, the Idaho Botanical Garden or another Extension Office may replace* ***up to two classes****, with permission from the Educator*.

Mentoring, Teaching and Leadership:

Hands-on volunteer service through mentoring incoming Master Gardeners at plant clinics or Farmers' Markets, teaching and project management provides opportunities to improve leadership and outreach skills and practice using these skills. To become certified as an Advanced Master Gardener, participants will complete at least 18 hours of volunteer service over the course of one calendar year.

Use of Title:

The titles "Master Gardener" and "Advanced Master Gardener" is to be used only and exclusively with the University of Idaho Extension program. They cannot be used for commercial purposes. Volunteers are expected to identify themselves as participants in the University of Idaho Extension Canyon County Master Gardener Program when performing volunteer work affiliated with the program. All projects must be approved by the Extension Educator.

Requirement	Minimum hours required	Description of opportunity	Example Total Hours
Education	At least six 2-hour class meetings (at least 12 hours)	Attending monthly Thursday night classes, or workshops offered by other Extension offices, the Idaho Botanical Garden, a community college, Parks department, Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association or other approved program.	12
Mentoring	Four Plant Clinic shifts or in combination with Farmers' Market	Mentor incoming MG Teams as they solve home gardening questions at the Extension office in person or by phone or email or assist the public at a Farmers' Market. *Mentoring on a specific subject may also be done over phone or email if you work during the hours plant clinics are held.*	12
Teaching	At least 3 hours (includes "prep" and travel time)	On your own or with partners: organize, research and teach a class, workshop or demonstration to Master Gardeners, Victory Garden or another group. You have full access to the resources and technology available through the Extension Office. Submit receipts for qualified teaching expenses not to exceed $15.	3
Leadership	At least 3 hours	Your choice! Providing leadership for a school or community garden, teaching, assisting with Extension horticulture programs and youth activities, helping out in MG class, attending educational events or tours. Just ask!	3
		Certification requirements met!	**30**

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