University of Idaho Extension – Canyon County

Master Gardener Continuing Education Program

The University of Master Gardener (MG) Volunteer and Advanced Master Gardener (AMG) Continuing Education Program offers horticultural training to certified Idaho Master and provides opportunities for service and leadership. Volunteers receive regular, ongoing education and professional development to maintain their certification status.

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*.
- A July Field Trip/Tour will be scheduled.
- Volunteers are invited to attend an annual Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop early in the year.
- **Your course materials fee is $10 per year and includes field trips, tours, all materials and a replacement badge when necessary.**

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 contact 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 Master Gardener 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. *Participants are also invited to attend beginning Master Gardener courses with advanced notice to the instructor.*

Participants seeking to maintain certification as either an Idaho Master Gardener or Advanced Master Gardener will attend at least 4 educational programs over the course of one calendar year. *Attendance at a workshop or seminar presented by Parks and Recreation, the Idaho Botanical Garden, INLA or another Extension Office may replace* ***up to two classes****, with permission from the Educator*.

Service, 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 maintain certification as an Idaho Master Gardener or Advanced Master Gardener, participants will complete at least 8 hours of volunteer service over the course of a 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. It 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 four 2-hour class meetings (at least 8 hours)	Attending our 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.	8
Mentoring/Service/ Teaching/Leadership	At least 8 hours	• 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. • On your own or with partners: organize, research and teach a class, workshop or demonstration to Master Gardeners, Victory Garden or another group. • Provide 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.	8
		Certification requirements met!	**16**

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