University of Idaho Extension – Nez Perce 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 Master Gardener Coordinator.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Six Regular meetings will be held quarterly February, March, April, May, August, December, *unless specified*.
- We will meet at the Nez Perce County Extension Office, *unless specified*.
- AMGs are invited to attend all Master Gardener field trips and workshops.

Course Instructor(s):

Our **Master Gardener Coordinator** is horticultural associate Mary Busch, who can be reached at 208-799-3096 or mbusch@uidaho.edu. Mary will be your contact for volunteer hours and master gardener activities.

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.

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 Nez Perce County Master Gardener Program when performing volunteer work affiliated with the program. All projects must be approved by the Master Gardener Coordinator.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Education:

Continuing education forms the cornerstone of the Nez Perce County AMG program. At least 6 educational meetings per year will be made available through the Nez Perce County Extension office. Classes may consist of guest speakers, lectures, videos, hands-on workshops, self-directed study and other activities related to Master Gardener Program and garden and landscape topics.

Master Gardeners seeking certification as an Advanced Master Gardener will attend at least 10 hours of educational programming over the course of one calendar year. Completion of the ***Alternative*** **Education Credit Form** for educational opportunities outside of those provided by the Extension office is required.

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 20 hours of volunteer service by October 31 each calendar year.

Master Gardeners are involved in many valuable and interesting projects within the community. To receive credit, Master Gardeners must complete the ***Special*** **Project Proposal Form** and ***Special*** **Project Summary Form** for participation of mentoring, teaching, or leadership activities completed for Teaching/Leadership hours.

Service-learning opportunity	Dates	Minimum hours required	Description of opportunity	Example Total Hours
Education	Various	At least 10 hours of approved training	Attending meetings, classes or workshops offered by Extension offices or other approved programs.	10
Mentoring/Plant Clinic Shifts at the Extension Office in Lewiston	Tuesday AM May-Sept	At least three 3-hour Plant Clinic shifts and one Farmers' Market shift	Mentor incoming MG Teams as they solve home gardening questions at the Extension office in person or by phone or email and assist the public at a Farmers' Market.	12
Nez Perce County Extension Booth at Nez Perce County Fair	September 21-23, 2012	One 3-hour shift required (at least 3 hours)	Help Extension staff set-up, staff, and take-down Extension booth at County Fair. Share your poster presentation, talk to the public, and promote our program!	3
Teaching/Leadership	Various	At least 5 hours (includes "prep" and travel time)	On your own or with partners: organize, research and teach a class, workshop or demonstration to Master Gardeners or another group. Lead an activity, such as waterwise garden clean-up, etc. You have full access to the resources and technology available through the Extension Office and may submit receipts for qualified teaching expenses not to exceed $15.	5
			Certification requirements met!	**30**

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