

What is the Sunnyside Master Gardener Association?

Sunnyside Master Gardener Association is dedicated to serving southern Indiana counties by providing volunteer service for community beautification, education in good gardening practices, and by sharing their common interest and love of gardening.

After you have completed your Master Gardener training and internship, you can become a member of the Sunnyside Master Gardener Association. Benefits include:

- Monthly membership meetings with either presentations on gardening-related subjects or tours of local gardens, nurseries and garden centers
- Advanced training opportunities such as lectures and field trips to arboreta, regional gardens and nurseries.
- Sharing gardening knowledge with others in the community through projects and gardens sponsored by the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service/Floyd County.
- Staffing Master Gardener information booths, such as Indiana Flower & Patio Show, Indiana State Fair, Floyd and Clark County Fairs, and Farmers' Markets.
- Participation in other events presented by Sunnyside Master Gardener such as Pollinator Day, Butterfly Garden Open House, and Wreath Making Class.



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What is the Purdue Master Gardener Program?

The Master Gardener Program, an integral part of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, provides a learning framework for participants to increase their knowledge on a wide variety of horticultural subjects. In turn, participants volunteer, representing Purdue University.

The purpose of the program is to teach people more about growing plants and to more effectively extend information related to plants. Its specific aim is to provide information and technical assistance in the areas of gardening and home horticulture through the use of trained and certified volunteers.

Why become a Master Gardener?

You can grow in several ways when you become a Purdue Master Gardener - the ways you grow and how far you go are up to you!

- Increase your knowledge on a variety of gardening subjects.
- Gain skills - and the confidence - to teach others in your community, either one-on-one or in group settings using your gardening knowledge
- Share your gardening knowledge with others, thus helping to improve the quality of life in your community.

If desired, use the leadership training and experience from your activities in the Purdue Master Gardener Program as a springboard to other forms of community leadership.

Working with county Extension personnel, Master Gardeners provide services like answering gardening questions (in-person and on the internet), conducting plant clinics, working with youth and the elderly, developing community gardens, staffing information booths at garden shows, and other horticultural activities.

What topics are covered?

After acceptance into the Master Gardener Program, participants receive training in the following areas:

- Plant Science
- Plant Nutrition
- Soil Science
- Plant Disease Diagnosis & Control
- Insect Pest Diagnosis & Control
- Weed Identification & Control
- Pesticide Safety
- Pesticide Alternatives
- Woody Ornamentals
- Vegetables
- Herbaceous Ornamentals
- Home Lawns
- Animal Pests

In addition, training may also include:

- Home Fruit Production
- Indoor Gardening
- Yard Waste Management
- Principles of Landscape Design



How do I become a Master Gardener?

- Complete the attached form and return it to:
**Gina Anderson, ANR Extension Educator
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- After being accepted into a training session, you must attend a series of weekly classes (typically 14 weeks), each lasting 3 to 4 hours.
- Achieve the rank of Master Gardener Intern by completing the required training and passing the exam with 70% success.

Master Gardener Interns are required to volunteer, representing Purdue University, a minimum of 35 hours to be certified as a Purdue Master Gardener. For detailed information, please visit www.extension.purdue.edu/floyd or www.sunnysidemg.org. Enrollment is limited.

What does it cost?

Purdue University Extension county and state staff provide instruction free of charge. Materials and expenses for the series of classes range from \$125 to \$175.

____ Please send me an application for the Purdue University/Floyd County Master Gardener Training Program.

____ I am currently a Master Gardener and would like to join the Sunnyside Master Gardener Association. Please contact me about transferring my membership.

Name

Email

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Number

