The Master Gardener Program is a Kansas State University Extension program that helps gardeners learn more about growing and caring for plants. The national program was founded in 1972 as a training tool for volunteers wanting to assist in the delivery of educational programs on a county wide basis. In exchange for intensive training, volunteers agreed to help the extension service provide information to the public. The Kansas program was started in Johnson County in 1980 and has grown with 40 counties with active Extension Master Gardener Programs.

You can become a Master Gardener if you are willing to learn about horticulture and share your knowledge with others. Advanced coursework is available to Master Gardeners who have completed the basic requirements. A Continuing Education Conference covering different topics of current interest is offered every fall.

What Local Master Gardeners do:
• Answer garden question via phone from the extension office
• Work on community beautification projects
• Work with youth programs to share gardening information
• Assist with garden clinics, exhibitions, and educational events

Requirements for Enrollment
• Be available for 40-60 daytime hours for classes the first year
• Be willing to contribute 40-60 hours of community service related to horticulture during the first year
• Have at least a High School Diploma or the equivalent
• Be able and willing to travel to a training site for classes
• Enjoy sharing your love of gardening with others through various projects

What you will learn:
• Classes are taught by university professors and localexperts in specific subject matter. Topics may include:
  • Plant Growth
  • Soils
  • Basics of Entomology
  • Plant Pathology
  • The Vegetable Garden
  • Fruit and Nuts
  • Plant Propagation
  • Lawn Management
  • Herbaceous Plants
  • Indoor Gardening
  • Ornamental Trees and Shrubs
  • Herbs
  • Landscape Design
  • Pesticide Use and Safety
To Enroll:
Application forms and further information are available from the Southwind Extension District Office, or complete the following form and send it to:

Southwind Extension District – Erie
100 S. Main – Courthouse
Erie, KS 6673
(620)244-3826

Please send Master Gardener application form to:
Name______________________________
Address____________________________
E-mail______________________________
Phone______________________________

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