



Monongalia County
Master Gardeners

July 15, 2009

Dear Master Gardener Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Monongalia County/ West Virginia Master Gardener. The program is designed to make gardening a fun learning experience and utilizes trained volunteers to assist the Extension Office in disseminating research-based knowledge. This program is available to all persons without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, veteran status, sexual orientation or national origin.

Current Monongalia County Master Gardeners are involved in many activities including flower beds at Mason-Dixon Park and Jack Roberts Park, and volunteer work with the WVU greenhouse, West Virginia Botanic Garden and Morgantown's hanging baskets. However, the list doesn't stop there. The Master Gardeners also make presentations to garden clubs, civic groups and the public.

The 2009 classes will begin Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:30 PM in the WVU-Monongalia County Extension Office located in BigLots plaza in Westover. The first class will cover an introduction to the organization and pretest. The classes will continue on Wednesdays every week from 6:30-9:30 PM through November 18th. A total of 30 educational hours is required and a trainee may not miss more than one training session and must score 80% on a final exam. In addition, 30 hours of volunteer service is required and must be completed on or before July 1, 2011 in order to become a *Certified Master Gardener*.

Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to: Monongalia Master Gardener Organization, c/o WVU-Monongalia County Extension Office, 26 Commerce Drive, Morgantown WV 26501 or fax to (304)291-7202. Students will be accepted on a "first come-first serve" basis. The nonrefundable cost for the class is \$125 and covers the cost of the textbook, class materials, Monongalia County MG Organization dues, and a name badge (which will be received upon certification). Checks should be made payable to the Monongalia County Master Gardeners, and turned in at the first class.

Any questions may be directed to Sheryl Bergen Jarvis at the Extension Office (304-291-7201) or SBJarvis@mail.wvu.edu. Those applicants who are accepted will be notified in August 2009.

Again, thank you for your interest in the program. We look forward to working with you as a WVU Extension Service Master Gardener volunteer.

Sincerely,

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