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The mission of the Penn State Master Gardener program is to support Penn State Extension by utilizing research-based information to educate the public on best practices in consumer horticulture and environmental stewardship through gardening.

DIRECTIONS TO PENN STATE EXTENSION CUMBERLAND COUNTY

From Rt. I-81, take Exit 44 (Allen Road). From I-81 Southbound, turn right at the traffic light at the bottom of the exit ramp. From I-81 Northbound, turn left at the traffic light at the bottom of the exit ramp. Go about 1/4 mile, just past the traffic light at Logistics Drive, and turn right into the Cumberland County Service Center parking lot, before the intersection with Rt. 11. The Extension office entrance is at the back of the building.

Penn State **Extension** **MASTER GARDENER BASIC TRAINING 2012**

Penn State Master Gardeners in
Cumberland and Perry Counties

August 15 to December 5, 2012



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PENN STATE MASTER GARDENER BASIC TRAINING 2012 CUMBERLAND AND PERRY COUNTIES



Penn State Master Gardeners in Cumberland and Perry counties educate home gardeners through workshops and presentations, demonstration gardens, plant sales, gardening with youth, horticulture therapy, plant clinics, and community gardens.

Penn State Extension provides horticulture training to Master Gardener volunteers, and Penn State Master Gardener volunteers assist Penn State Extension in promoting, providing, and expanding its educational programs in consumer horticulture.

Master Gardener Basic Training will be held in south-central Pennsylvania in the fall of 2012. Applications for the program are being accepted now through May 31, 2012.

Informational Sessions

Once you have mailed in your application, you should plan to attend one of the five scheduled informational meetings:

- ◆ **Thursday, May 10**—6:30-9:30 p.m.—
Perry County Extension office, New Bloomfield, PA
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 23**—6:30-9:30 p.m.—
Cumberland County Extension office, Carlisle, PA
- ◆ **Saturday, May 26**—10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.—
Perry County Extension office, New Bloomfield, PA
- ◆ **Wednesday, June 6**—9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—
Cumberland County Extension office, Carlisle, PA
- ◆ **Wednesday, June 20**—6:30-9:30 p.m.—
Cumberland County Extension office, Carlisle, PA

At this meeting, you will receive an introduction to Penn State Extension and the Penn State Master Gardener program in Cumberland and Perry counties.

If you wish to continue in the selection process, you will be asked to take a multiple-choice test of your gardening knowledge. Based on applications and test scores, the Selection Committee narrows down the field to those applicants they wish to interview. Individual interviews are held in July.

We will be accepting up to 25 individuals into the program based on application, test score, and interview results, and on our specific program needs. You will be notified if you have been accepted into the program as a Master Gardener trainee by the end of July.

Cost

If accepted into the program, you will be asked to pay a one-time fee of \$200.00 to cover the cost of training, your Master Gardener manual, name badge, and other incidental supplies and expenses. A payment plan is available. If you require reduced or waiver of fees to participate, please contact Annette MaCoy.

\$50.00 of that fee is a “refundable deposit.” If you successfully complete the training AND then complete and report at least 50 hours of acceptable volunteer service by September 30, 2013, as well as meet other program guidelines for certification, you will receive a refund of \$50.00.

Training

For Cumberland and Perry counties, training will be held once a week on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The training begins on August 15, 2012, and runs through December 5, 2012.

The first eight classes will be held at the Cumberland County Extension office, and the next seven classes will be held at the Dauphin County Extension office. There is no class during the week of Thanksgiving. The final class will be held at the Cumberland County Extension office.

Each week, the same training will also be offered at three other sites in surrounding counties. You are allowed to attend training at one of these sites occasionally if you are unable to make the Wednesday morning class.

Topics covered in the training include Orientation; Soils; Botany; Plant Identification & Nomenclature; Communications; Planting & Pruning; Entomology; Weeds; Plant Pathology; Vegetables; Turf; Plant Propagation; IPM; Diagnosis; and Native Plants.

The last class is the final exam. You may use your manual and class notes during the exam, and you must score 80% to pass. Then in 2013 you'll begin your volunteer service as a Master Gardener apprentice.

PERRY COUNTY

The Penn State Master Gardener program in Perry County is managed through the Cumberland County Extension office. If you live in Perry County, please apply through the Extension office in Cumberland County.

INTERESTED?

To receive an application and additional information about the Penn State Master Gardener program in Cumberland and Perry counties, please complete and return this form; or call 717-240-6500.

Application deadline is May 31, 2012.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Daytime Phone _____

E-mail _____

Return this form to:

Penn State Master Gardener program
Penn State Extension
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Completed applications are due by May 31, 2012.

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