

Master Gardener Training Opportunity

If you like to garden and don't mind community service work, then becoming a Master Gardener may be perfect for you. The Mississippi State University Extension Service (MSU-ES) is holding a Master Gardener training session starting in late February, which is open to all county residents. The classes will cover many horticulture topics such as: botany, plant propagation, vegetables, turf, fruit & nuts, disease, insects, flowers, animal control and weed control. The 40-hour training is scheduled to begin March 6 and end April 5. The classes are from 1 to 5 p.m. on every Tues. and Thurs. The classroom lectures will be held at the MS Agricultural and Forestry Museum in Jackson.

To register for the class, you should have some basic horticulture knowledge, a genuine interest in learning more and a firm commitment to return 40-hours of volunteer service to the Extension Service within one year. You must be able to attend eighty percent of the training sessions to be eligible for Master Gardener status. There is an \$100.00 registration fee to be paid at the 1st training session. We must limit the class size to 35 participants. An application form and training schedule can be obtained from the Madison County Extension office. For more information or an application form, call 601-859-3842.