

# Virginia Cooperative Extension

**Class fills up quickly. Please send your registration promptly. Keep a copy for your records.**

Please complete and return this application form with the appropriate tuition fee to Virginia Cooperative Extension, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington, VA 22206, Attn: Master Gardener Training Program. Make check payable to Arlington Extension Fund. Partial scholarships for tuition are available; call 703-228-6426 for more information. To complete your application, you'll be required to fill out a VCE Volunteer Application as well as this one (see website).

▶ **\$190.00\* Tuition** (Arlington County/Alexandria City Resident) ▶ **\$240.00\* Tuition** (Non-Resident)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day/Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (E) \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How did you learn about this program and why do you want to be a VCE Master Gardener? Please be as specific as possible, and if you were referred by a Master Gardener, please mention that person's name.

2. Have you ever volunteered before? If so, where?

3. What other experiences, interest or skills do you have that pertain to volunteer work and, specifically to programming you might do as a Master Gardener?

4. What interests you most about the VCE Master Gardener Volunteer Course?

5. The initial commitment to training and 60 hours internship is very intense and will require great focus in your scheduling. How will you fit this in with the other commitments in your life, and once that phase is completed, how many hours per month are you reasonably available for ongoing volunteer work?

6. What are the best times for you to volunteer? Weekday Morning  Weekday Afternoon  Weekday Evening  Weekend

*The required internship consists of gardening-related community service that is educational in nature and is performed in Arlington County or the City of Alexandria. It is also a required element of the Master Gardener Training Course. Ongoing volunteer-led projects already exist; new projects are regularly evaluated for feasibility. If accepted, you must commit to 60 hours of approved gardening-related community service that is educational in nature within one year of completing Master Gardener Training. Your signature indicates your agreement to complete the volunteer service commitment.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Note: You will be required to use and participate in a yahoogroups listserve. If you would like training in this, please check so we may plan accordingly.*

### ***What is the VCE Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program?***

The VCE (Virginia Cooperative Extension) Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program trains participants to become VCE Master Gardeners in practical gardening and landscaping techniques that preserve and protect the environment.

### ***What is a Certified VCE Master Gardener?***

Certified VCE Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who help their community by teaching others environmentally sound landscape gardening techniques. Certified VCE Master Gardeners complete 120 hours of classroom training and internship sponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office in Arlington County and the City of Alexandria. After completing the 120-hour required commitment, Certified VCE Master Gardeners must volunteer a minimum of 20 hours per year and attend 8 hours of in-service training to maintain "active" status.

### ***What is the Training Course?***

Developed by Virginia Tech horticulture specialists, the training course consists of two parts: the training class and the internship. The training class includes 23 sessions on applied horticulture using research-based garden techniques appropriate for Virginia growing conditions. In class, trainees learn about basic botany and soil science, woody and herbaceous plants, vegetable gardening, Integrated Pest Management, lawn care, and many other topics. The internship consists of 60 hours of community service in approved educationally oriented gardening activities.

### ***How much does it cost?***

Tuition is \$190 for City of Alexandria and Arlington County residents and \$240 for those in other jurisdictions. Priority will be given to Arlington and Alexandria City residents.

Tuition covers the cost of study materials and instructor fees. **Partial scholarships are available.** Phone 703-228-6426 for information.

### ***Where will the training class be held?***

Classes will be held at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford Street, located off Quaker Lane and convenient to both Alexandria and Arlington residents.

### ***Who should take the class?***

If you love gardening and protecting the environment and want to share what you learn with others, then this course is for you! The VCE Master Gardener program in Arlington and Alexandria is affiliated with a state and national network of Master Gardeners that provides a vast array of opportunities to learn and "grow" as gardeners and as volunteers.

### ***What will I do as a VCE Master Gardener Intern?***

VCE Master Gardeners and Interns have many volunteer projects underway in Arlington County and Alexandria in conjunction with the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia, Inc., and other partner organizations. Examples include Demonstration Organic Vegetable, Sunny and Shady Perennial Gardens, Waterwise Gardens, and Community Gardens, answering questions at Plant Clinics and through the Extension Master Gardener Help Desk, as well as many other educational and service activities.

For directions or to download a copy of this registration form and the VCE Volunteer Application Form, please visit:  
<http://offices.ext.vt.edu/arlington>

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*If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact the Master Gardeners Help Desk at 703-228-6414 (TDD number is 800-828-1120) during business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations five days prior to the event.*

## **VCE Master Gardener Volunteer Training Class**



**January 12 - April 15, 2010  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
9 a.m. to Noon**

**Business address:  
3308 South Stafford Street  
Arlington, VA 22206  
Phone: (703) 228-6414**

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