

2019 Master Gardener Class – General Information

- * **Location:** Classes will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem, located at 5090 Center St. NE. This is a fragrance free facility, signs are posted throughout the building. Please do not park close to the front entrance, the area needs to be clear for day care drop-offs.
- * **Dates:** Classes will begin on Monday, January 7, 2019 and continue each Monday (including holidays) through April 1, 2019.
- * **Arrival Time:** On the first day, we recommend that you arrive *by 8:30*, since the first check-in takes extra time. On subsequent Mondays, please arrive between 8:30 and 8:40 to participate in a discussion of the days topics at 8:45. The morning class will start promptly at 9, with a one hour break for lunch, generally at 12:00. The afternoon class will start at 1:00.
- * **Temperature and seating:** Our goal is to make sure everyone is comfortable. You may want to dress in layers or bring an extra sweater. If you find the chairs uncomfortable, you are welcome to bring a cushion.
- * **What you'll need:**
 - * \$100 on 1/7, we can only accept cash or checks, no credit or debit cards. The fee covers all program materials, including your copy of Sustainable Gardening, the textbook for Master Gardeners in Oregon and Washington. It also covers your 2019 membership in both Marion County and Oregon Master Gardeners' Associations.
 - * A large 3-ring binder (at least 3" rings) for your textbook. The pages are three-hole punched, but a binder is not provided. Labels for the spine and cover are included, you may want a binder with exterior pockets. You will not be required to bring the textbook to class.
- * **Note taking materials:** A notebook is fine, but you are welcome to bring a laptop or tablet. Electrical outlets are available if needed.
- * **Lunch:** if you like to brown-bag, the room is open during the lunch hour. Many students and veteran Master Gardeners enjoy the opportunity to get acquainted over lunch. There is a refrigerator and microwave available for your use. If you prefer to go out, there are options 2-3 miles away for a quick lunch. Coffee and tea are provided for breaks and lunchtimes. In the interest of sustainability, we encourage you to bring your own cup.
- * **Mini Workshops:** Veteran Master Gardeners will offer four 20-25 minute mini-workshops during various lunch breaks. Your participation is optional, but encouraged. Topics will include, propagation, care & sharpening of garden tools, vermiculture and internet tips. The schedule will be posted on our web site in the 2019 class materials section. The sessions will take place in an area of the building where food and beverages are not allowed. Please plan to **eat your lunch** prior to the start of the sessions.
- * **Bring your questions:** Instructors, mentors, and veteran MGs will be happy to answer them.
- * **Attendance:** You must attend all of the class sessions. The Membership Team will have information on schedules for make-up classes available in neighboring counties, if you miss a Salem session.

After classes are completed: In signing up for the class, you commit to 66 hours of volunteer service providing home horticulture information to the residents of Marion County. **Detailed information on service requirements will be posted on our website, provided in hardcopy, and discussed in class.**