

2020 Master Gardener Classes – 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 6, 2020 and continue each Monday (including holidays) through March 23, 2020.
- * **Arrival Time:** On the first day, we recommend that you arrive *by 8:30 am*, since the first check-in takes extra time. Please sign-in every Monday. On subsequent Mondays, please arrive between 8:40 and 8:50. Morning classes will start promptly at 9:00, with a one hour break for lunch around 12:00. The afternoon class will start at 1:00 pm. There will be a morning and afternoon break and everyone shares the responsibility for bringing snacks each week. A sign-up sheet will be available later.
- * **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:**
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. Please read the Botany chapter before the first class on Monday, January 6th.
- * **Note taking materials:** A notebook is fine, but you're welcome to bring a laptop or tablet. Electrical outlets are available if needed.
- * **Lunch:** If you like to brown-bag, the room will be open during the lunch hour. There is a refrigerator and microwave available for your use in the kitchen. 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. To cut down on kitchen chores, we encourage you to reuse your cups throughout the day. Also, help putting the tables and chairs away at the end of the day will be appreciated.
- * **Mini Workshops:** Experienced Master Gardeners will offer four 20-25 minute mini-workshops during various lunch breaks. Your participation is optional, but encouraged. Topics may include, propagation, care & sharpening of garden tools, vermiculture and internet tips. The schedule will be posted on our web site in the 2020 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 all other MGs will be happy to answer them or direct you to someone who can.
- * **Attendance:** You must attend all of the class sessions. If you miss a Salem session, the Membership Team will have a schedule for make-up classes available in neighboring counties.

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

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