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Now Accepting Applications for Master Gardener Volunteers

Do you want to learn more about gardening while volunteering? Then the Wayne County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer program may be for you!

The Wayne County Cooperative Extension Office is now accepting applications to recruit new Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. An Extension Master Gardener is a volunteer for NC Cooperative Extension. Volunteers assist their local county extension office providing unbiased, research-based information to gardeners of all ages on home lawns, landscapes, and gardens. The information that Extension Master Gardener Volunteers provide are ones that guide homeowners in making practical decisions in their landscapes and gardens.

Potential volunteers should have an interest and commitment to volunteering, be available to volunteer during week days, willing to share their knowledge and interested in learning more about gardening. Prior gardening knowledge is not required.

Training classes will be held Wednesdays starting January 16th through May from 10am to 1pm. Training classes prepare potential volunteers to answer gardening questions and diagnose common problems related to cultivating lawns, fruits and vegetables, and landscape plants. Registration cost is \$50 without a handbook or \$100 with a hard copy handbook.

The first step to becoming an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer is to stop by the Wayne County Cooperative Extension Office to pick up an application packet. The application packet will include volunteer requirements, application, and training schedule. Application deadline is January 4th.

To learn more, join us for our open house on Wednesday, January 2nd. Open house will be from 10am to noon at Wayne County Cooperative Extension Office.

For more information and/or to pick up an application packet, contact the Wayne County Cooperative Extension Office at 919-731-1520. Wayne County Cooperative Extension Office is located at The Maxwell Center at 3114B Wayne Memorial Drive, Goldsboro.