Location and Dates:

The Master Gardener Program will be offered on 8 Wednesday evenings and 2 Saturday mornings at the St. Croix County Agricultural Service and Education Center in Baldwin, Wisconsin. Class size is limited. Classes will be held on the following days:

**Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m.**
- September 14, 21, 28
- October 12, 19, and 26
- November 9, 16

**Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
- October 8
- November 5

Register by **September 7th, 2016**

Program Fees: **$60.00**
($90 for two people from same household who share written materials.)

Materials include the Master Gardener study manual, other course handouts and materials, and monthly newsletters.

For More Information
Contact Diana Alfuth, Horticulture Educator, at the Pierce County UW-Extension office at (715) 273-6781.
What is the UWEX Master Gardener Program?

Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who aid University of Wisconsin-Extension by helping people in their communities better understand horticulture and their environment. This national program was introduced to Wisconsin in 1977. The Master Gardener Program is in all 50 states and several countries.

The goal of the program is to educate and encourage volunteers to help enhance the public’s knowledge and awareness of horticulture and natural science. Benefits of participation in the program include new interests, exploration, research, friendships, recognition, self-confidence, leadership and education.

Who Can Participate?

Any adult interested in gardening and volunteering in their community can participate—no previous experience or training is necessary. Enrollment in class is on a first-come basis.

Requirements to Become a Certified Master Gardener

Students will attend classes and receive approximately 36 hours of training on a variety of gardening and landscaping topics. These topics include such things as basic botany, soil science, fruits, vegetables, diseases, insects, annual and perennial flowers, trees and shrubs, backyard wildlife, lawn care, native plants, and more!

In return, students are required to volunteer 24 hours of their time to the community helping others learn about horticulture and gardening.

Upon completion of the training, passing a final exam and background check, and fulfilling the volunteer requirements, the University of Wisconsin will certify students as Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteers.

To maintain certification, Master Gardeners Volunteers complete 24 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education each year.

Becoming a certified Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteer is a great way to enrich your life and the lives of others!

Master Gardener Pledge

I, ____________________________ hereby pledge that I will complete the required 24 hours of volunteer service to become a certified Master Gardener Volunteer.

I am interested in doing the following types of volunteer activities:

___ Education displays (such as at fairs and other events)
___ Teach programs for adults or youth
___ Coordinate other volunteers
___ Organize, plant, maintain demonstration or community gardens
___ Community beautification
___ Other: specify)__________________

Please list any past horticulture education you have received:

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