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Extension Master Gardener Classes Sign Up Begins!

Are you yearning for spring and the growing season? Beat the winter doldrums by attending Nebraska Extension Master Gardener classes starting Tuesday, January 11, 2022. Classes will be taught in person at the Extension Office in North Platte, or online from your home computers.

Gardening enthusiasts can participate by attending individual classes without extra commitment to the program for a nominal fee for the entire series. Participants can enjoy attending the classes of their choice to increase their personal horticultural knowledge. Class topics include:

- No Till Vegetable Gardening
- Landscaping with Native Grasses
- Pruning Fruit Trees
- Building Bee Hotels
- Pollinator Gardening
- Homegrown Food Gardening
- Common Landscape and Lawn Disorders and Diseases
- Starting and Raising a Terrarium

Here is a list of the 2021 class program dates. Classes will start at 6:30 p.m., Central Standard Time and recordings will be sent to all participants to view after each class is taught.

- January 11, 18, 25
- February 1, 8, 15, 22
- March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

- April 5, 12, 19, 26
- May 3 & June 7
- October 4, 11, 18, 25

Individuals who would like to participate in the entire workshop series and become a Nebraska Extension Master Gardener may register for the entire series. This registration fee includes the Master Gardener manuals, state dues, an official Master Gardener shirt and name badge.

Along with training, new Master Gardener trainees participate in group volunteer projects established by the local Master Gardener program in your county of residence. To receive initial Master Gardener certification, 40 hours of education and 40 hours of volunteer service is required within the first 2 years of training. This requirement is easily reached by participating in the group's activities as well as approved individual activities that a Master Gardener may want to carry out on their own. Registration for new Master Gardeners is open until January 15, 2022. Contact the Extension Office for the online registration.

Returning and lapsed Master Gardeners who have completed the initial first-year training may attend all the 2022 programs for a nominal Veteran Master Gardener fee. Twenty hours of volunteer service and attendance at completion of 10 hours of classes is required to retain Master Gardener certification.

If you have any questions about the Nebraska Extension Master Gardener program, please contact me by sending an e-mail message to dlott2@unl.edu, by calling the Lincoln-Logan-McPherson Extension Office at (308) 532-2683, or by contacting your local Nebraska Extension Office.

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