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**Grow a  
better community  
with the  
Metro Atlanta  
Master Gardener  
Program**



THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA  
**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

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For more information on the DeKalb Master Gardener Program and to be placed on the mailing list, please call or send in the attached card.

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**Learning *for* Life**

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**I want to grow a better community.**

- Please have someone call or e-mail me some general information.
- Please put me on the mailing list to receive the dates of the September Informational Sessions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**If interested, return this form to: DeKalb Extension, 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur, GA 30032**

## Putting knowledge to work to grow a better community

The Master Gardener Program of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension provides community minded gardeners with practical horticultural training that can be taken back and shared in their neighborhoods. That's what "Learning for Life" means!

The Master Gardener Training Program is an introductory course in horticulture and related topics that provides a foundation for learning more through volunteer activities. Putting knowledge to work to grow a better community is the commitment of a Master Gardener. This commitment can be satisfied by answering Extension horticulture phone calls, writing publications on topics of particular interest and expertise, speaking to civic groups, designing and installing beautification projects or any other volunteer activity that satisfies a gardening interest and meets county needs.

Upon successful completion of your classroom training and hours of volunteer service, you will receive the designation of Certified Master Gardener. This certification reflects your active status in the Georgia Master Gardeners in DeKalb.

## Training Program

All participants in the Master Gardener training course are expected to attend all 11 days of training plus 2 days of testing (self-assessment). Classes are held each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. from January through the end of March. Each attendee receives a 400 page gardening reference text. Participants are required to pass both a mid-term and final exam with 70% mastery. Exams are based on both textbook and lecture material. Instruction is provided by Cooperative Extension agents, faculty of the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, as well as local gardening experts.

## Application Procedure

Gardeners who have a willingness to commit the time to learn and to put their knowledge (and skills) to work through volunteer service should apply for admission to the Master Gardener Program through the **DeKalb Extension office**. Tuition includes all instruction, textbook and one year's membership in the Georgia Master Gardener Association (GMGA). Applications (for DeKalb County only) are available in September at any one of the three informational meetings offered. Deadline for submitting an application is early October and selections are announced in November. Remember, application and fee should be returned to the **Main Extension Office, 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur, GA 30032**.

## Is the Master Gardener Program for you?

To help you decide if you should apply for the Master Gardener Program and join the more than 4,000 gardeners statewide who regularly participate in Master Gardener events and volunteer projects, answer the following questions:

- Do I enjoy gardening and sharing my enjoyment with others?
- Do I want to learn more about gardening?
- Do I want to participate in an intensive, practical training program?
- Do I have the time to commit to both the training and the volunteer service?
- Do I have the interest to actively participate in a community project?

If your answer is yes to these questions, then please complete the request for an application form on the back of this brochure and get started growing a better community!



Mark Reeve and Heidt girls with worms close up.