

## Master Gardener Volunteer Training

The Master Gardener program consists of 47 hours of classroom training. Most classes will be taught at the USDA Research Station in Byron, GA. Classes run from January 27 through April 14 and will meet each Wednesday. Trainings will begin at 9:30 AM and end around 3:30 PM. Classes will be a combination of lectures, recorded presentations, hands-on activities, and off-site visits. Participants cannot miss more than two classes, and everyone must pass a mid-term and final exam to complete the course. The fee is \$175, which covers the cost of the Master Gardener manual, training materials, name badge, and all classes.



Upon completing the classroom training, you will be a Master Gardener intern. You must complete 50 hours of volunteer service in the first year to become a certified Master Gardener. Half of your hours must be served by working in your local Extension office. The remaining hours may be volunteered in a variety of ways: conducting plant clinics, teaching classes to children and adults, speaking at garden clubs, doing research and writing--whatever is needed to reach and serve the local home gardener.

When your internship is completed and you become a certified Master Gardener, you will receive your name badge. To maintain active status, you must complete 25 hours of service each year. More opportunities will present themselves for you to share your knowledge and love of gardening with others.

Time: January 27-April 14, 2010 Wednesdays 9:30-3:30

Cost: \$175 per person

Location: USDA Research Station, Byron

Deadline : November 2, 2009