

Thank you your interest in the Georgia Master Gardener Program.

The Georgia Master Gardener Program is a twelve week horticultural course under the leadership of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension. Our mission is to train the best general horticulturists who can provide unbiased and up-to-date horticultural information to the community through volunteer service.

Classes for residents of Hall County begin the second week in January and continue through the last week of March. We meet at the Hall County Cooperative Extension every Tuesday and Thursday, from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The program cost is \$125, which covers instruction, handbooks, materials, and a one-year membership in the Georgia Master Gardener Association.

The Master Gardeners of Georgia are invaluable for their assistance to local County Extension Agents in helping meet the public demand for gardening information. Therefore, it is important that you have a flexible daytime schedule in order to meet our volunteer needs. We require 50 hours of volunteer service the first year - twenty-five of these hours are spent in the Hall County Extension Office answering horticulture questions. To remain active, 25 volunteer hours are required thereafter.

If you are interested in applying for the 2009 class, please let me know. I would be delighted to take your name and contact information. Application forms will be mailed in early September.

If you would like to learn more about the Georgia Master Gardener program, and the Hall County Master Gardener Association, please visit:

<http://www.georgiamastergardeners.com>

<http://hcmgs.com>

Best Regards,

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