



June 26, 2019

**MEMORANDUM**

**From:** Bryan Smith, Area Extension Agent  
**To:** Area Residents interested in the Laurens Master Gardener Program  
**Subject:** **Fall 2019 Laurens County Master Gardener Class**

The Laurens County Extension Office will offer a Master Gardener course again this Fall on **Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The first class will be held on August 13 at 6:00 p.m.** The classes will continue each Tuesday evening through November, with the final exam / pot luck supper on December 3, 2019.

The Laurens Master Gardener program includes 16 classes:

Botany and Plant Physiology	Landscape Plants and Design
Soils and Plant Nutrition	Annuals and Perennials
Tree Fruits and Small Fruits	Vegetable Gardening
Urban Tree Care	Basic Entomology
Chemical Pest Control	Irrigation
Turfgrass Management	Plant Propagation
Plant Pathology	Beekeeping and Pollinators
Canning	Weed ID and Control

Classes are offered based on the availability of instructors. We may substitute certain courses if an instructor becomes unavailable due to some unforeseen problem. At the end of the course there will be a final examination that a student must score 70% or better in order to proceed to becoming a “Certified Master Gardener.”

Graduates of the program are also required to provide 40 hours of service to the community as a Master Gardener. This service can be provided in many different ways, including answering home horticulture questions at the Extension Office, working on community beautification projects, manning an information booth at the County Fair or Farmers Market, and a number of other possibilities.

*(Please turn over for more information)*

**LAURENS COUNTY**

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We do require a minimum of 10 persons to register in order to hold the class. Class size will be limited to 24 persons on a first-come, first-served basis. We will place anyone not able to attend this fall program on a waiting list for the next program (which will hopefully be next fall).

***Registration for the course will close on August 6, 2019.***

**The registration cost for the program is \$300.00 per person** and includes the Master Gardener Training Manual (over 500 pages), the Vegetable Garden Insect Guide, and other publications as well as handouts and supplemental materials as needed. **The registration fee is due on August 6 – please do not send the registration fee in now.** There is considerable red tape involved in refunds, so we will wait until 10 persons have registered for the class before we begin accepting registration fees. We will contact everyone registered at that time and request that the registration fee be sent in. *(If we do not hold the class due to having less than 10 persons register, I will notify those that have registered of the cancellation on August 6.)*

We have enclosed a Master Gardener Application - please fill this application form out and return it to:

Bryan Smith  
Clemson Extension  
219 W Laurens Street  
Laurens, SC 29360

Class space is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. We will order the books and publications for the course on August 6.

**If you plan to take the course and have a disability, please contact me before August 1. Our meeting location is the second floor meeting room of the Laurens Extension Office and there is no elevator available. If you are not able to negotiate stairs I will need to find another meeting location for our course.**

Please call me (Bryan Smith) at 864-984-2514 ext. 112 if you have any questions. We hope to see you on August 13!

Encl.: Master Gardener Course Application

*If you are no longer interested in the Master Gardener program, please call me at 864-984-2514 ext 112 or e-mail me at [wsmth@clermson.edu](mailto:wsmth@clermson.edu) so that I may remove your name from our mailing list. Thank you!*



## Laurens County Master Gardener Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

How many years have you gardened in South Carolina? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever applied for the Laurens County Master Gardener Program before? \_\_\_\_\_

In order to complete the requirements for the certification, Master Gardener Trainees are asked to donate 40 hours of volunteer time. In what type of volunteer projects would you like to be involved?

- \_\_\_\_\_ On-site visits and consultations (at the homeowner’s property)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Provide horticultural assistance to clients visiting or phoning the Laurens County Extension Office
- \_\_\_\_\_ Developing and implementing community projects (such as a town or park beautification project)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Providing information and/or manning a booth during Laurens County Fair, Laurens Farmers’ Market, and/or other Laurens County events

*(Please turn over to complete the form)*

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If I am selected to attend the Master Gardener Training Program, I will fulfill the Master Gardener Training requirements and agree to donate 40 hours as a Master Gardener Volunteer during the 12 months following completion of my training.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:

Bryan Smith  
Clemson Extension  
219 West Laurens Street  
Laurens, SC 29360

If you have any questions or comments you may call us at (864) 984-2514 ext.112 or e-mail Bryan Smith (coordinator) directly at [wsmth@clermson.edu](mailto:wsmth@clermson.edu).