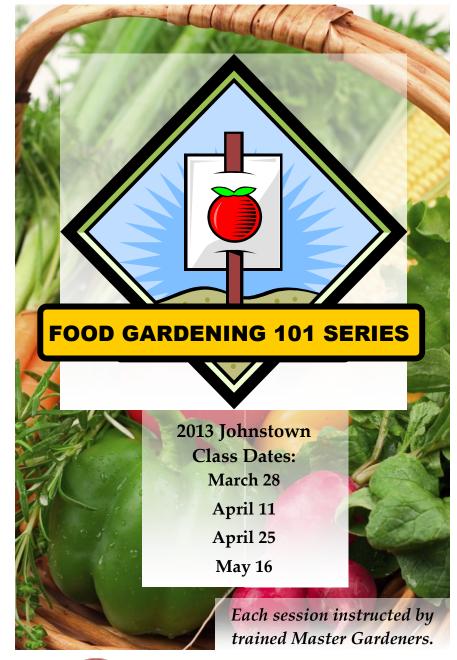


Cornell Cooperative Extension volunteer Master Gardeners play an integral role in consumer horticulture education in Fulton and Montgomery Counties.

The Master Gardener Program, which is nationwide through the Cooperative Extension System, is all about neighbors teaching neighbors. Volunteers receive training to teach and advise on numerous horticulture topics such as growing vegetables, fruits, herbs, and ornamental plants, identifying and handling beneficial and harmful insects, plant diseases, wildlife management, soils, composting, water conservation among others.

Classes for new master gardener volunteers are held annually beginning in January and September.







A Beginner's Course on Fruits and Vegetables

The Food Gardening 101 Series is designed to teach the beginner gardener how to grow food in the backyard successfully to feed a family.

Classes are arranged sequentially, but can be attended independent of each other. Register for all four classes or select the session(s) you wish to attend.

The cost of each session is \$5, or pay \$15 if you register for all 4 classes.

Sessions will be a combination of classroom instruction, demonstration and hands-on experiences.

Session #1, March 28th: Starting Your Seeds

Learn about choosing the mix, creating the perfect environment, and timing seed starting. Also learn about which plants are better off purchased from a greenhouse. Instructor: Cindy King. Registration deadline March 27th.



Session #2, April 11th : Selecting a Site for Your Garden

Learn some soil basics, how to locate the garden, types of vegetable gardens, and the best plants to grow in the beginning garden. Instructor: Jay Ephraim. Registration deadline: April 9th.



Session #3, April 25th: Mapping Your Garden

Learn about planting the garden, including spacing, pre-planting preparation, and putting plants in the ground. Instructor: Ed Radle. Registration deadline: April 23rd.



Session #4, May 16th: Post-Planting Care

How do you keep your beautifully planted garden growing big and strong and bountiful? Learn about full season care including watering, fertilizing and controlling common pests. Instructor: Phyllis Minich. Registrations deadline May 11th.



Please Pre -Register by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension of Fulton & Montgomery Counties 518-673-5525 x101