

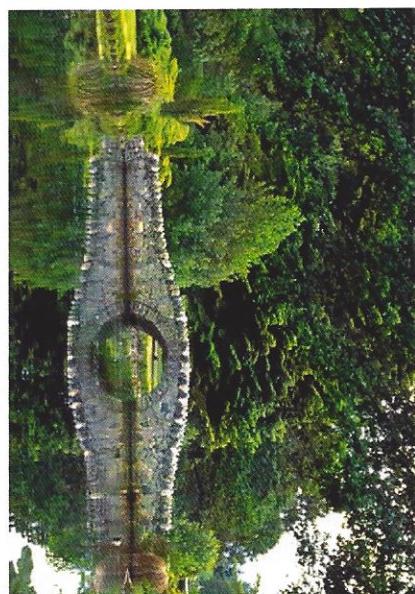
Introduction

The Master Gardener Program (MGP) was first started in King and Pierce counties in Washington State in 1972 as a tool to help meet the research and educational needs of home gardeners. Since then the MGP has been implemented in over 45 states and in four Canadian provinces. Nationally, over 17,000 new MGs are certified each year.

The Master Gardener Program (MGP) at Shasta College is a community service organization, designed to relay research based horticultural information to the home gardener. This program is run in conjunction with the University of California Cooperative Extension to train interested people to help local gardeners diagnose plant problems and to assist the home horticulturalist in keeping their plants healthy. The University of California has agreed to let Shasta College use all their materials and curriculum to train Master Gardeners. Shasta College administers the program.



Shasta College encourages students to consider a nontraditional role in the job market. Each occupational course/program at Shasta College is available to men and women equally.



Become a Master Gardener

Shasta College offers a three-unit, Master Gardener class in the Fall semesters.

The 13 week course covers pesticides, pruning, composting, weeds, watering, plant diseases, soils, fertilizers, vegetables, native plants, ornamental trees and other topics.

After passing a final exam, Master Gardener trainees will have a year to do 50 volunteer hours of approved community service and attend Master Gardener meetings. To maintain certification, Master Gardeners must engage in 12 hours of continuing education and volunteer a minimum of 25 hours per year.



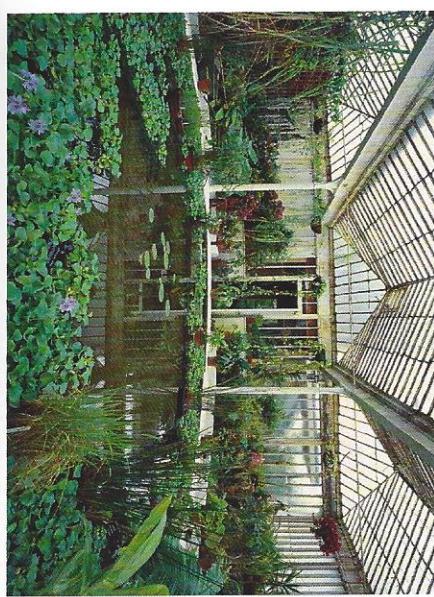
What We Do

Certified Master Gardeners staff informational booths at county fairs and local farmers' markets, host plant clinics at community centers, appear on public access television, conduct workshops at gardening clubs and elementary schools, and assist in developing community gardens.

Who We Are

The purpose of the MGP is to extend research based knowledge and information on home horticulture/pest management issues to the residents of California. There are a set of core values that guide the program. These core values are the criteria for designing and implementing educational activities and measuring educational impacts. These core values are:

- a. MGP activities focus on education, not service.
- b. Activities meet identified clientele issues and needs.
- c. Master Gardener Volunteers are guides to learning and respect others' viewpoints and abilities.
- d. Educational activities are inclusive, not exclusive.
- e. MGs extend only researched based and technically accurate information.
- f. MGPs encourage improved environmental quality and sustainable gardening practices.
- g. MGs emphasize "learn-by-doing" methods.
- h. MGs teach new skills, validate achievement, and encourage extending to others.
- i. Activities build community support for MGPs through improved visibility.



Master Gardener Program

Important

MGP Information Office
There is an information office at Shasta College where Master Gardener volunteers answer phones and do the research necessary to provide answers to all sorts of horticultural and related questions. If they don't have the answer, they'll know where to get one based on the latest scientific research.

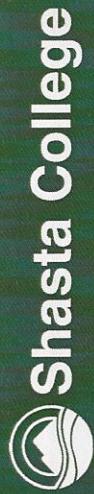
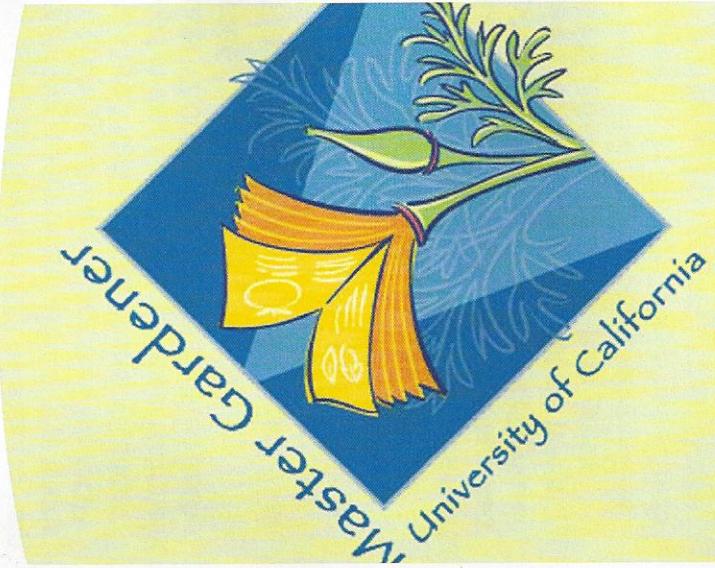
For more information on the Master Gardener Program, call **530.242.2219**.

If there is no one in the office, be sure to leave a message, or e-mail to mastergardener@shastacollege.edu. Your call will return as soon as possible and your question answered.

Enrollment Information

Contact the following for information about enrollment procedures, assessment testing, counseling appointments, fees, registration dates and times, and enrollment application:

Shasta College Admissions Office
Administration Building, #100
11555 Old Oregon Trail
P.O. Box 496006
Redding, CA 96049-6006
530.242.7650



The University of California and Shasta College Master Gardener Association:

- Is designed to train volunteers to help local gardeners
- Conducts informational booths, clinics and workshops
- Presents a Certificated, three-unit class held in the Fall Semester



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