



Master Gardener Information Package

Dear Master Gardener Intern,

Thank you for applying to the Master Gardener program.

Please read this information package so you are familiar with the steps required to complete the Master Gardener program and obtain your Document of Achievement.

Program Manual

The manual that has been sent to you: *Sustainable Gardening* will provide self-directed study throughout the program along with the materials you receive at each course.

Volunteer Hours:

You may begin accumulating your 40 hours of volunteer time now. Please record your hours on the attached log sheet.

Examples of Volunteer Hours:

- assisting master gardeners in their projects
- volunteering within local garden clubs/horticulture societies or other horticulture organizations

Note: master gardeners in training are required to work within a horticulture-based organization and not independently, unless the activity has been approved by the Manitoba Master Gardener Association (MMGA). *The MMGA strongly suggests that interns will be better prepared to become a Master Gardener if volunteer hours include a variety of activities. All of your hours should benefit the community through a combination of hours in gardening related volunteer work, hours in meetings, and hours in horticultural related events. Please contact the MMGA if you have questions at: collzac@hotmail.com or dianadhaliwal@mgmanitoba.com.*

Upon completion of your 40 hours of volunteer time please submit your log sheet to:

The Centre of Continuing Studies

1430 Victoria Ave East

Brandon, MB R7B 2Z9

Attn: Jodi Madill

or email: mastergardener@assiniboine.net

After your volunteer hours have been approved you will be required to pay your internship fee of \$40 (students will be contacted at this time).

Master Gardener Core Courses (see course schedule attached):

You must register and complete all seven courses:

- Garden Fundamentals*
- Botanical Latin*
- Identifying Insects in your Yard & Garden
- Common Plant Diseases
- Safe Use of Pesticides and Alternatives
- Communications
- Tree & Shrub ID

*Botanical Latin and Garden Fundamentals are prerequisites and must be taken prior to the other five courses.

Exam

A multiple choice exam will be mailed to you. You will have 3 weeks to complete the exam and mail back (exam and answer key) to our office.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jodi Madill

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