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Become an OSU Extension Master Gardener

Hardin County – The OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers of Allen, Hardin and Hancock County will be offering the Master Gardener Volunteer training program at the OSU-Lima Campus this spring. This program provides 50 hours of intensive training in horticulture to interested gardeners who then commit to 50 hours of volunteer service in their home county assisting with Master Gardener Volunteer sponsored educational programs and activities for residents. Volunteer opportunities and projects vary by county.

Specialists from the Ohio State University Extension and experienced Master Gardener Volunteers will be teaching sessions along with some local experts. Some topics include botany, plant selection, landscaping with annuals and perennials, vegetable gardening, tree selection and identification, fruit tree care, pesticides, soils and plant and insect identification.

The classes will begin Tuesday, March 7 and run through April 25. The classes will be held 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday evening. Additionally, a full day seminar will be held on Saturday, March 18 as part of the curriculum.

The fee for the course is \$150 per person which covers the cost of an extensive resource book and other resource materials. All Master Gardener Volunteers will also be required to have a background check. The classes will be held at the Ohio State University – Lima Campus.

If you are interested in taking the class and would like more information, you can do so by contacting your local Extension Office. More information is available at allen.osu.edu; hardin.osu.edu; or hancock.osu.edu websites. Class registration deadline is February 20.

For more information about the Hardin County OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, visit their Facebook page. Go to mastergardener.osu.edu to find out more about OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. You can also call the Hardin County Extension office at (419) 674-2297 or email Dave McPheron (plantman12@windstream.net) for more information and to obtain an enrollment form.

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