

Advanced Master Gardener Program

The Advanced Master Gardener Program is a University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service Program developed in conjunction with the Alaska Master Garden Association Anchorage Education Committee.

The program is intended to meet the needs of Master Gardeners who desire to increase their knowledge of horticulture subjects beyond the basic Master Gardener Course.

The intent is to also maintain the knowledge base of the Advanced Master Gardener by keeping current in continuing educational and volunteer opportunities within the community. Unlike the Basic Master Gardener Program, the Advanced Master Gardener Program is more relaxed in the types of volunteer activities that will meet the volunteer requirements. The Advanced Master Gardener Program has included community service (within the horticultural realm) to the volunteer opportunities. In other words, you are not restricted only to educational volunteer venues.

Reporting your volunteer hours and attendance at educational opportunities will be on the honor system. It will be up to you to record and keep track of your hours. *Failure to do so may impede maintaining your Advanced Master Gardener status.* Please submit your hours via the form located on the AMGAA website. We are working on an online intranet reporting system that will make reporting hours quick and efficient. As yet, it isn't available, but keep an eye out for it in the newsletter. In the meantime, continue to report the hours as you do for the Basic Master Gardener Program.

Find forms at:

<http://www.alaskamastergardener.org>



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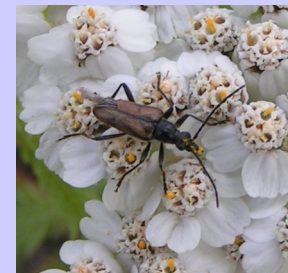


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The Advanced Master Gardener Program

Prerequisites

To qualify for the Advanced Master Gardener Training one must first be a Master Gardener and have completed their initial 40 hours of volunteer service.

The Course

The Advanced Master Gardener Course consists of 20 hours of training. It varies from year to year, but will usually consist of a required core course of advanced horticulture topics that go beyond the basic Master Gardener course plus additional Continuing Education Units (CEUs). In addition, ten hours of volunteer service will be required.

Continuing Education Units

Continuing Education Units can be obtained by attending horticultural educational programs such as conferences, garden club meetings, presentations, garden tours and workshops; other venues on approval. If you find an educational opportunity you would like to count for your CEUs but are not sure it will count, please contact an AMGAA Education Committee member or Julie Riley.

Typically CEUs will be issued on an hour per hour basis. For example, if a garden club meeting has a presentation that lasts 45 minutes,

your CEUs for that meeting will be 45 minutes. Please do not count social time and business time as education time.

Volunteer Hours

The volunteer commitment for the Advanced Master Gardener Program is very flexible and can be met by providing educational programs or working on service projects. Possible service examples are; Board membership, Pioneer Home garden bed maintenance and other venues on approval. If you have a special volunteer project you would like to count for your hours and you are not sure, please contact an AMGAA Education Committee member or Julie Riley.

Advanced Master Gardener

Master Gardeners will receive a Certificate of Achievement and an Advanced Master Gardener name badge upon completion of the required CEUs and the 10 hours of volunteer service at a graduation ceremony conducted at the September AMGAA general meeting.

Please note that all CEUs and the 10 hours of volunteer time must be completed by September 1 of the year following the core course.

Recertification Requirements

To remain an Advanced Master Gardener, one must: Take an additional Advanced Master Gardener core course and complete the requirements ***OR*** complete a *combined total* of 10 CEUs and/or volunteer service by September 1st of the year following the core course. Example: 10 CEUs, ***or*** 10 hours volunteer time, ***or*** 4 CEUs and 6 hours volunteer time, etc.

Further Advanced MG Training

Upon completion of Advanced Master Gardener core training, volunteer requirements and any required CEUs, the Advanced Master Gardener will be eligible to attend further AMG training. Upon completion of the core course, required CEUs and 10 hours volunteer time, the AMG will progress to the title of Advanced Master Gardener II, III, IV, etc.

Requirements for each level must be completed in their entirety by September 1 of the year following the core course (volunteer hours and CEUs for each level) before being eligible to advance to the next level.

