

TO BECOME A MASTER GARDENER

Master Gardener training classes are held in Angelina County each spring. To help you decide if volunteering for the Master Gardener program is right for you, ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I want to learn about the culture and maintenance of many types of plants?
- Am I eager to participate in an intense training program?
- Do I look forward to sharing my knowledge with people in my community?
- Do I have enough time to attend training (50 hours) and to complete the volunteer service (50 hours in one year)?

If you answered yes to these questions, the Master Gardener program could be good for you. Contact your County Extension office for information.

Applications can be found online at <https://evs.tamu.edu/>

Interviews: Selected applicants will be interviewed from November through early January. Those accepted for the next spring class will be notified by mid-January.

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Who We Are

Angelina County Volunteer Master Gardeners are some of the various volunteers that exist in the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. They first receive instruction from Extension personnel and other professionals in the fields of horticulture, landscaping, and home gardening.



Upon completion of their training, they are required to complete volunteer service to

receive their Master Gardener certification.

The purpose of the Master gardeners is to work with the County Extension Agent to promote research-based practices in home gardening and landscaping in Angelina County. This is accomplished by teaching and demonstrating aspects of home gardening with county residents.

This volunteer program began in Angelina County in the spring of 2000. We have several active volunteers who must annually recertify as volunteers, as directed by the County Extension Agent for Agriculture to stay current in their status as a Master Gardener.

What we do

Monthly Educational Seminars – This is a series of seminars held the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 12 noon to 1 pm at the Angelina County Extension Office. They focus on home gardening and home landscaping topics. These programs are free to attend.

Demonstration Gardens - Angelina County Master Gardeners have several areas that are maintained as *demonstration gardens*. The gardens provide color and educate the public about plants that thrive in East Texas. Informational signs are posted in each area. These areas highlight adapted plants in the correct space. They need very little maintenance and water for them to thrive. Some of these include:

- Earth Kind selections
- Xeriscape plants
- Shade-loving plants
- Native plants

Rainwater Harvesting Demonstration – This old-made-new-again practice of collecting rainwater is becoming more popular than your grandparent’s cistern was.

Plant Sales - Volunteer Master Gardeners host two annual sales at the neighboring Angelina County Farmers Market.

The spring sale has old fashioned, tried and true plants that are almost guaranteed to work in your home landscape.



The spring plant sale is held the last Saturday in March.

The fall sale focuses on native plants for use in home gardens and is held the last Saturday in September.

And other opportunities at the public’s request
There is no limit to the opportunities that are available. So long as volunteers provide *research-based horticultural information* to the public, we can assist a number of educational projects.

To learn more about what our volunteers are already doing, check us out on Facebook at Master Gardeners of Angelina County or sign up for our **free**, monthly e-newsletter at the email below.

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