



BECOME A MASTER GARDENER™ VOLUNTEER!

Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener volunteers are neighbors, friends, and family whom you can go to for garden advice that is grounded in science and locally relevant.

We are garden educators and on-the-ground community scientists.

Master Gardeners receive extensive training and complete a university-taught course in topics including botany, pest identification, soil management, and diagnosing plant problems, to name a few.



In person classes run from Jan. 7th - Apr. 22nd, 2026 in Astoria, OR, with a hybrid model allowing students to join in-person, via Zoom, or watch class recordings at a later date. Classes are taught by OSU Extension faculty, experienced Master Gardener Volunteers, and other local experts.

Volunteer hours are a key learning experience in becoming an OSU Master Gardener. In addition to completing 40 hours of class time, new Master Gardener volunteers are required to complete 40 hours of volunteer service. All volunteer experiences are carefully selected to help you learn and engage with the community, including demonstration gardens, farmers market plant clinics, public gardening classes, and more.

Cost: \$150, with scholarships available

Interested? Find out more and apply here by 12/1/2025!

Questions?
Contact Shannon Rauter
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CLATSOP COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™

2026 CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes meet on Wednesdays from 6-9 pm at Clatsop Community College unless otherwise indicated:

Towler Hall, 1660 Lexington Ave, Astoria OR 97103

Master Gardener Orientation Jan 7

Soils and Fertilizers Jan 14

with Samikshya Budhathoki, OSU Extension

Basic Botany Jan 21

with Shannon Rauter, OSU Extension

Plants, Weather, and Climate Jan 28

with Shannon Rauter, Lexee Andonian, and Randal Gardner

Entomology and Bees Feb 4

with Audrey Jenkins and Mary Jo Mosby

Woody Ornamental Pruning [9 am - 2 pm] Sat. Feb 7

with Nicole Forbes at Dennis' 7 Dees in Seaside

Integrated Pest Management Feb 18

with Thomas Jima, OSU IPM Center

Pesticide Safety Feb 25

with Shannon Rauter, OSU Extension

Blueberry Pruning [10 am - 1 pm] Sat. Feb 28

with Ed Johnson, Janet Willoughby, and Randal Gardner in Brownsmead

Native and Invasive Plants Mar 4

with Matthew Solberg

Sustainable Landscape Design Mar 18

with Linda Brim and Brenda Holmes-Stanciu

Berries and Fruits [10 am - 1 pm] Sat. Mar 21

with Neil Bell in Clatskanie

Diagnosing Plant Problems [10 am - 1 pm] Sat. Mar 28

with Brooke Edmunds in Nehalem

Vegetable Gardening [10 am - 1 pm] Sat. Apr 11

with Scott Thompson at Blackberry Bog Farm in Svensen

Class Wrap Up and Volunteer Training Apr 22

Other Tentative Dates [free supplement to the class]

Mar 11

CCMGA Program Fair

Mar 7

Apple and Blueberry Pruning

May 9

Spring Plant Sale

May 30

End-of-class Picnic



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