

Volunteer Projects have included:

- Planting, maintaining & harvesting crops for local area foodbanks
- Soil pH testing
- Establishing, pruning and maintaining educational display gardens
- Developing and working with youth gardens
- Horticultural therapy programs
- School outreach programs
- Monmouth County Fair educational displays and Helpline booth
- Conducting lectures and demonstrations through County and local parks, garden clubs, library programs, retirement communities

Master Gardeners have been involved in:

- Holding offices and serving on State and local Master Gardener committees
- Attending and presenting at gardening workshops and educational programs
- Advanced educational opportunities
- Attending State, Regional, & National Master Gardening Conferences
- Receiving International Master Gardener Awards

Monmouth County
Board of Chosen Freeholders
Board of Recreation Commissioners



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New Jersey Agricultural
Experiment Station

Master Gardeners

Volunteer Through Horticulture



A collaboration between: Rutgers, the State University of NJ; NJ Dept. of Agriculture; The Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Monmouth County Parks System; and Brookdale Community College.

The above provide information and educational services to all people without regard to sex, race, disability or handicap, color, national origin or age.

Master Gardeners are volunteers, trained by Rutgers Cooperative Extension, who are committed to providing gardening and horticultural information and services to their community.

In order to become a certified Master Gardener, participants must

live in Monmouth County and be



able to attend all 60+ hours of training classes.

Training classes

cover a broad range of horticultural

and environmental topics including

basic botany, composting,

entomology, pathology, diagnosing

plant problems and determining

control methods, as well as the

cultural considerations of turf,

vegetables, trees, shrubs, fruits, and

annual, perennial and herbaceous

plants.



After the courses are successfully completed, the Master Gardener

must volunteer

back the 60 hours

of training through

horticultural related

community service

in order to be certified.



This volunteer time is considered

practical training, and is designed to

increase confidence and horticultural

skills. Practical

training will

include a minimum

amount of time

answering gardening inquiries from

residents through the Master

Gardener Helpline. All topics will be

discussed with an

emphasis on how

they relate to the

homeowner in



Monmouth County. It also includes

office time spent

identifying plants

and insects, and

diagnosing plant

problems.

Additional volunteer service may

also include lecturing on gardening

topics to the local public, assisting



with community

events such as

the Monmouth

County Fair,

and planning and planting public

garden areas.

