



**Sunflower Extension
District**

**2023 Master Gardener
training offered by the
K-State Extension Master
Gardener Program**

September 7—December 7, 2023

The training is presented live via Zoom from 1—4 PM (CT)

Sessions are also recorded for later viewing to work with your schedule.

Cost: \$45 (made payable to the Sunflower Extension District)

Sign up at your local Sunflower Extension Office by August 25, 2023

Cheyenne County—785.332.3171

Sherman County—785.890.4880

Wallace County—785.852.4285

Extension Master Gardeners are trained in horticulture and related areas.

They:

Share ideas and continue to grow in their knowledge.

Provide horticulture information and answer questions.

Use demonstration gardens to educate community members.

Teach others (adults and children) about horticulture and gardening.

Present school and community programs.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Extension Master Gardener (EMG) program is to train and support volunteers willing to provide educational programs developed and supported by extension boards and K-State Research and Extension.

Guidelines for Sunflower District Master Gardener Program Participation

- Be a Sunflower Extension District resident or agree to a commitment of volunteer service in the Sunflower Extension District.
- Possess a high school diploma or equivalent and a broad interest in horticulture.
- Support the objectives of the Master Gardener program and the Extension Programs of the Sunflower Extension District Board.
- Be able to read and comprehend an extensive notebook of support materials to be used for future reference.
- Complete the basic Master Gardener Training Course.
- Complete the 40 hours of volunteer work with Extension Agent approved projects by December 31st the year following basic course completion.
- Continuation as a Master Gardener in good standing requires completion of 8 hours of continued Master Gardener learning/training and a minimum of 20 volunteer hours annually—reported in the hour reporting system.
- May not participate for personal financial gain.

County: _____

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone (Best # to Contact): _____

Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, call (785) 890-4880 Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Sunflower Extension District EMG Agreement

I wish to become a Sunflower Extension District *Master Gardener Trainee* and will complete the basic training which begins September 7, 2023 and continues each Thursday from 1 - 4 PM (CT) through December 7, 2023. Sessions will be held via Zoom with recordings to watch at a later time to fit your schedule.. We will work with the group to schedule an in person gathering for the first and last session. If you do not have internet services, contact your local extension office to check on possibilities to do the sessions in the office.

I understand as a NEW volunteer that if accepted into the Training Program, I am entering into a contract to return 40 hours of volunteer time in communicating research-based horticultural information to the public by December 31 of the year following the basic training course completion. I further understand that continuation as an active *Master Gardener* in good standing requires completion of both 8 hours of *continuing Master Gardener Training* and a minimum of 20 volunteer hours annually.

Previous Master Gardener volunteers need to take part in the training and consider it a refresher course. You will not be required to do the 40 hours of volunteer time, just the 20 volunteer hours annually.

Master Gardener volunteers may not participate in the Extension *Master Gardener Program* for personal gain or for commercial recommendations or endorsements. *Master Gardeners* are expected to provide recommendations based on research-based information and to provide educational program assistance in support of the general County / District Extension education program.

Master Gardeners operate under the control of a trained Extension professional responsible for monitoring their performance and the progress of their continuing education.

Signed,

Master Gardener Applicant

Date

**RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR LOCAL OFFICE WITH \$45.
CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO SUNFLOWER EXTENSION DISTRICT.**

**Goodland Office, 813 Broadway Room 301, Goodland, KS 67735
Sharon Springs Office, 118 N. Gardener, PO Box 189 Sharon Springs, KS 67758
St. Francis Office, 212 E. Washington St., PO Box 667 St. Francis, KS 67756**