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Dear Master Gardener Applicant:

The Master Gardener Extension Volunteer (MGEV) program in Georgia is a volunteer program designed to help University of Georgia Extension meet its mission to extend lifelong learning to the people of Georgia. MGEVs are plant enthusiasts who help Extension transfer research-based information about gardening and related subjects to the public by partnering with volunteer educators. Through this program, Extension can reach out and serve more citizens with educational programming and demonstrations.

This is a horticultural service training program requiring you as a Master Gardener Extension Volunteer to complete a minimum of 50 volunteer hours to earn your certification during the first year, and 25 thereafter. Your volunteer activities duty is performed after completion of the MGEV training program, but prior to receiving your certification.

Enrollment for the **2026 Henry County 'Master Gardener Extension Volunteer** program is limited. **Classes begin January 5, 2026, and conclude on March 30, 2026, with an office orientation to be announced on a later date.** The training sessions will be on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The classes will be held at the Henry County Extension office, the Rockdale County Extension Office, and the UGA Griffin Campus Turfgrass Lab. As part of your training, you will be required to pass a final examination.

Enclosed is the **2026 Henry County - Master Gardener Extension Volunteer (MGEV)** program application. Please fill it out completely. Your application needs to be completed, signed, and returned to the Henry County Extension office no later than Friday, **September 26, 2025, by mail or email. We will be setting up interviews for prospective candidate, either by phone or in person.**

The fee for the 2026 program will be **\$150.00**. This fee will cover the expense of the Georgia Master Gardener handbook, classes and lectures, temporary and permanent name tags, supplies and a 'Certificate of Completion' (upon completed volunteer hours). **Do not send a check with your application form. Payment required only if accepted into the program.**

**** Please 'save the date' to attend our Master Gardener applicants informational 'meet and greet' session at the UGA Extension Henry County Office, 97 Lake Dow Road, McDonough, GA 30252 on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Please RSVP to Timothy Daly by email at tdaly@uga.edu or 770-288-8421. You may bring your completed application to this session.

Applicants will be notified no later than Friday, October 3, if accepted into the 2026 Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Program. The program fee and information for a background screening/motor vehicle record check will then be due no later than **Friday, October 17, 2025.**

The Henry County Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Program offers many opportunities to enhance your horticultural expertise and make new gardening friends as you become involved in community projects. We look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions, please contact me at the Henry County Extension Office.

Sincerely,

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