

**Advanced Master Gardener Training
Trees and Tree Care**

April 11-13, 2024

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service,
Tarrant County**

1801 Circle Dr., Fort Worth, Texas 76119

Advanced Training Purpose:

To provide advanced training whereby Master Gardeners can obtain specialization in areas that support or expand designed programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Advanced Master Gardener Training – Trees and Tree Care:

The Advanced Master Gardener Trees and Tree Care training was created as an intensive multi-day training that empowers Master Gardeners with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas A&M AgriLife Extension efforts in educational programs. The class will teach you about trees and tree care in the home landscape, as well as how to partner with cities and community groups to advocate for trees. The classes are taught by professional arborists, Texas A&M educators, and Texas Forest Service staff.

Master Gardeners who fulfill specified training and volunteer requirements will be recognized as an Advanced Master Gardener in the specific field of Trees and Tree Care. This certification does not empower the individual with supervisory or administrative authority within his/her local county programs. The class is limited to 25 participants. Only two participants from each county may apply. A waiting list will be maintained, and open positions will be filled from the list without regard to county.

Participation Requirements:

To be eligible for the Advanced Master Gardener Trees and Tree Care training, an individual must possess an up-to-date Master Gardener certification, or be an employee of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Master Gardener application must be approved by the local County Extension Agent.

Advanced Master Gardener Training – Trees and Tree Care

The Advanced Master Gardener Training – Tree and Tree Care program is designed to train and certify Master Gardeners to become part of a state corps of Trees and Tree Care experts and educators. To become a certified Advanced Master Gardener in Trees and Tree Care, Master Gardeners are required to attend the Advanced Master Gardener in Trees and Tree Care training to fulfill training requirements and subsequently meet service requirements described below. Training activities during the course will empower Master Gardeners to complete these service requirements.

Position Description:

The Advanced Master Gardener Trees and Tree Care training is designed to increase awareness and provide training about trees and their care and maintenance.

Time Commitment:

The Master Gardener is required to serve a minimum of one year as an Advanced Master Gardener in Trees and Tree Care providing a minimum of 20 hours of service. Service includes training Master Gardeners in their county, presenting the information to at least 3 other groups, and setting up a demonstration in their county.

Training and Service Requirements:

- Attend the Trees and Tree Care training.
- Serve as a local Advanced Master Gardener Trees and Tree Care resource
- Assist with Trees and Tree Care training for Master Gardeners and trainees
- Conduct community/youth Trees and Tree Care education programs
- Increase clientele knowledge about Trees and Tree Care through presentations, workshops and mass media efforts (i.e., radio, newspaper, television, newsletters)

Reporting Volunteer Service:

Upon completion of the advanced training, Master Gardeners are expected to be a local county resource and contribute volunteer service by training other Master Gardeners and the public. Advanced Trained Master Gardeners should document and report volunteer service hours to their county agent. The agent will keep a record of the hours submitted and report all qualifying advanced trained Master Gardeners to the State Master Gardener Coordinator. Those who have completed the Advanced Training and required volunteer service will receive a certificate signed by the county agent. Those completing Advanced Training courses will be recognized at the state conference.

If you need any special accommodations, please contact Patsy Miller at pjmiller24@sbcglobal.net by **March 11, 2024, so your request can be considered.**

Tentative Class Topics:

Benefits of Trees, Biology of Trees, Best Trees for Texas, Care of Fruit and Nut Trees
Effect of Climate on Trees – Droughts, Freezes, Tree Pruning

Right Tree, Right Place, Tree Pests and Diseases, Critters and Trees: Trees as an Ecosystem, Propagation by Seed

Trips to Fort Worth Botanic Gardens for Tree ID Class; Fort Worth's Rolling Hills Tree Farm for tour and first-hand viewing of propagation, selection and planting trees.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in any of our meetings are encouraged to contact our office at 817.884.1945 for assistance at least one week in advance to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.



Registration Form
Advanced Master Gardener Training
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Tarrant County Master Gardeners – Fort Worth, Texas

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS March 11, 2024. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____ -- (Please wear Master Gardener name tag)

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY / ZIP CODE _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

COUNTY _____

MG Coordinator/Extension Agent Signature (Required)

Registration fee of \$200, includes lectures, tours, Trees and Tree Care thumb drive with power points and resource materials, "Trees of Texas Field Guide" by Stan Tekiela, tote bag with resource materials, 1 dinner and 2 lunches.

Special diet request (vegan or allergies), please specify _____

Denim shirt order – to purchase an Advanced Trees and Tree Care denim shirt for \$40, please complete the information below. Pick up during check in on April 11.

Shirt Size: Ladies _____ Men _____
S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ (\$2 additional) XXXL _____ (\$4 additional)

Registration fee \$ _____

Optional Denim Shirt @ \$40 each x Quantity _____ = \$ _____

(include additional cost for larger sizes)

Total Amount Enclosed _____

COURSE IS LIMITED TO 25 APPLICANTS, two per county. There will be a wait list. There will be no refunds after March 11, 2024. If you have questions, contact Patsy Miller at pjmillier24@sbcglobal.net
Send this form and check to : Tarrant County Master Gardeners, c/o Ann House, 3920 Potomac Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76107.