



Hancock County Master Gardener Volunteers

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To learn, to teach, to serve

Mission and Values

Our mission is to improve horticultural knowledge and practices in Hancock County through:

- Providing education for the public and our members
- Sponsoring community horticultural activities that combine service and learning
- Developing collaborative relationships within the community
- Developing leadership abilities and qualities in each of the Master Gardener Volunteers
- Supporting and assisting the Extension Educator with consumer horticulture activities

In our work

We commit to:

- Base all horticulture recommendations upon university-based research (i.e. OSU fact sheets)
- Integrate research into our practices
- Treat individuals with dignity and respect
- Value diverse backgrounds, perspectives and expertise
- Support the continuing development of Master Gardener Volunteers and the Master Gardener Volunteer Program

We strive to establish partnerships that encourage:

- Education as a part of everything we do
- Collaboration and interaction between Master Gardener Volunteers and the public
- “Doing with” rather than “doing for”
- A variety of teaching and learning styles

Our criteria for selecting projects

- Contains a well defined educational component
- Develops Master Gardener Volunteer’s horticultural knowledge, skills and experience
- Promotes partnerships with service, civic, youth, school or government groups
- Fits within our mission and values
- Facilitates community involvement and volunteerism