

WHO WE ARE

The Master Gardeners of Kershaw County (KCMGA) is a voluntary, nonprofit association of individuals who have completed the Master Gardener Program course and the certification process, which requires a minimum of 40 hours of educational service.

Although most of our members are graduates of the Master Gardener Program course taught by the Clemson Extension Service, we welcome certified master gardeners from other states.

The Kershaw County Master Gardener Association holds regular meetings at the Homemaker Building. Our meetings provide an opportunity for fellowship and feature educational topics that are led by guest speakers. Business matters are discussed and refreshments are provided by our members.

The Master Gardener Program operates in most of the Palmetto State's 46 counties.

WHAT WE DO

Our primary mission is educational. We share knowledge about horticulture through lectures, home visits, demonstrations and other projects. Master Gardeners provide volunteer leadership and service to their communities in gardening activities. This service consists of such things as answering gardening questions, conducting plant clinics, beautifying the community and other activities that promote gardening.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

KCMGA members' service ranges from beautification projects to environmental education projects.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

KCMGA members operate a memorial garden which is mapped out so visitors can learn the names of the various plants in the garden. Members have also helped establish gardens at the Kershaw County Libraries, various schools and other locations in Kershaw County.

KERSHAW COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Kershaw Master Gardeners man the ASK A MASTER GARDENER table every other week at the Kershaw County Farmers Market. The community is invited to ask gardening questions and obtain fact sheets and other materials for the garden.

Master Gardeners are available in the Master Gardener office of the Clemson Extension on Tuesdays and Thursdays to answer gardening questions.

SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship is awarded annually to high school students in Kershaw County who plan to pursue a degree in horticulture or a related field.

MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE

The Plant Sale is held in May the Saturday before Mother's Day. Our sale features member-grown plants at bargain prices. It takes place in the Homemaker Building in Camden.

OTHER EVENTS

KCMGA members staff information booths at public events conducted by other organizations, including Earth Day at area Elementary Schools.

HOW TO BECOME A MASTER GARDENER

The Master Gardener Program is open to all adults regardless of gardening experience.

The 16 week course held either in the spring or fall depending on the amount of interest normally consists of one four hour class each week. The class meets in the Clemson Extension FCL Building at 634 W. Dekalb Street in downtown Camden.

The \$300 fee includes materials and a one-year membership in KCMGA. Scholarships may be available for individuals who need financial assistance.

Following completion of the course, members are expected to give 40 hours of educational service in order to become certified as a master gardener.

Community service may include a wide array of activities including the Memorial Garden, manning the Master Gardener Office or ASK A MASTER GARDENER table and answering questions at the plant sale. Additional hours of service are required annually to maintain certification. For more information, please visit <http://www.clemson.edu/extension/mg/about/index.html>.

For enrollment information, contact Gila Holland: ghollan@clemson.edu, 803-432-9071.

CONTACT US

For more information about the Kershaw County Master Gardener Association, you may call 803-432-9071 or send email to kershawmg@gmail.com.
Website: www.kcmga.com

I want to become a Master Gardener:

Please register me for the Master Gardener Class starting August 17, 2017 in Kershaw County.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Tear off and mail along with a check or money order for \$300.00 made out to Clemson University to:

Dr. James H. Blake
SC Master Gardener Program
Pickens County Extension Office
222 West Main Street
Pickens, SC 29671

You may also register and pay online at:

https://secure.touchnet.net/C20569_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=2380&SINGLESTORE=true

If you need special accommodations due to a disability in order to participate in a meeting, please notify the Kershaw County Extension Office at 803-432-9071.

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THE KERSHAW COUNTY MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM



Date for Upcoming Class!

Thursdays, 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

August 17 – December 7, 2017

***No class on Thanksgiving Day**

Deadline to Register is August 4.

Call 803-432-9071 for more information

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