



HILL COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

Education Department
3655 Highway 27 South
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Dear Candidate:

We are so glad that you are interested in the Master Gardener program. The Master Gardener program is not only National, but International. Started in Washington State in 1972, the Master Gardener program then came to Texas in 1978. We are a service organization working with the communities of several Hill Country Counties. Our goal is to help gardeners with any gardening problem they may have; improve our environment through better gardening practices; educate and guide the public when it comes to gardening in the Hill Country, to name just a few. We do this by answering questions called or emailed into the Extension office; greeting the public at Kerr County Market Days and county fairs; giving talks or presentations to various organizations in the Hill Country, as well as participating in various gardening projects approved by the Hill Country Master Gardener Organization.

Master Gardeners are representatives of A&M and The Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Our training for the Hill Country Master Gardener Program is 17 weeks, 1- 5 PM on Tuesdays. Classes start in January. Our instructors are Texas AgriLife Extension agents, A&M Professors, or horticulture professionals. Several of the topics covered during the 17-week program are: pathology, entomology, propagation, vegetable gardening, native plants, and rain water harvesting. A sample of the class schedule is on our web site if you wish to view the past class schedule.

Please visit our web site <http://www.hillcountrymastergardeners.org/index.html> where you can find a printable copy of the Master Gardener application available beginning August 1, 2010. We look forward to meeting you and talking to you about becoming a member of the next class.

Sincerely,

The Hill Country Master Gardener Education Committee