

# Marshall Master Gardener Association Factsheet

Marshall Master  
Gardener Association



Marshall County  
Cooperative  
Extension Service  
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**We can make a difference!**

## Commonly Asked Questions

### What qualifications do I need to become a Marshall Master Gardener Association (MMGA) member?

You would need to be someone who:

Loves gardening!

Wants to help and teach others.

Likes to give back to the community.

Completes the MMG Class

Completes the yearly volunteer hour requirements.

and likes to have a lot of fun!

### What Does a Marshall Master Gardener Do?

This is a volunteer program (not to be confused with a garden club.) MMG's help their County Extension Agent, Nikki Rhein, reach more residents with horticulture information.

### How are Master Gardeners Trained?

Master Gardener training classes are conducted by Cooperative Extension Service specialists, agents, and other professional personnel.

Master Gardeners are Trained In.....

Botany, Entomology, Pesticide Use and Safety, Plant Pathology, Soils and Fertilizers, Volunteerism, Flower Gardening, Fruit and Vegetable Gardening, Landscape Design, Lawn Care, Organic Gardening, Tree and Shrub Care and much more.

More on back

## **WHAT CAN I DO OR PARTICPATE IN TO COMPLETE MY YEARLY VOLUNTEER HOUR REQUIREMENT?**

Answer gardening questions  
Attend monthly meetings  
Teach on horticulture related topics  
Help put on programs such as: The MMGA Plant Sale, workshops and more!

Work in the Extension Office demo gardens  
Make home visits when clients have questions  
Help with University of KY research  
Attend continuing education opportunities  
Help with PR booths  
Do a radio or TV program  
Write newspaper/newsletter articles  
Participate on committees (like the Scholarship Committee or demonstration garden Committee)  
And much more!

## **HOW OFTEN ARE MMGA COURSES HELD?**

Not often. A successful MG Course takes a lot of resources, time and effort. Marshall County will have a class in the fall of 2020. It is unknown at this time when following course will be held. (Probably not for 3 or more years.)

## **WHAT DOES NIKKI RHEIN DO?**

Nikki Rhein is not only the Master Gardener Coordinator but she is the County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources. In this role, she serves as the link between the people of Marshall County and University of KY Research and Education. She provides both formal and informal education for the community by providing educational programs for the public through meetings, workshops, field days, personal communication, and more.

## **HOW DO I ENROLL?**

Simply request to be added to the "prospective MMG list" by calling the Marshall County Extension Office at (270) 527-3285.

If you have more questions, ask for Nikki Rhein, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent and MMGA Coordinator.