

Calgary Horticultural Society's Master Gardener Program 2019 - 2020

The Calgary Horticultural Society is pleased to deliver its Master Gardener Program Wednesdays in fall/winter 2019-2020. The program is a great opportunity to learn about the amazing world of plants and their systems. This non-credit program is designed to train volunteers who then can share their knowledge in the community.



Are you looking for a challenge?

The Master Gardener program provides a broad scientific base of knowledge for gardeners. Expert speakers will help bolster student understanding of garden care and enhancement.



Community Participation


Participants network to share knowledge and create a community of like-minded learners. They will join a bigger body of Master Gardeners across the continent who have knowledge and tools to provide gardening guidance and assistance to the public and institutions.




Application Opens May 1, 2019

Pre-requisite courses run Sep 2019 - Oct 2019 Master Gardener Part A runs Oct 30 2019- Jan 15 2020 Master Gardener Part B runs Feb 5 2019 - April 15 2019
Application forms are online.

The curriculum is varied and encompasses a variety of topics. There is an emphasis on gardening successfully “under the arch” in our Calgary climate. Here are the modules that will be covered in this Master Gardener program.

 **Botany**
Taxonomy
Morphology
Physiology

 **Environment**
Climate
Soil
Compost
Mulch

 **Garden Health**
Insects
Pathology
Weeds
Non-insect Pests
Integrated Pest Management

 **Growing**
Veggies
Herbs
Fruit
Flowers
House Plants
Propagation

 **Garden Care**
Lawn Care
Irrigation
Tree Care

 **Communication**
Public Presentation

 **Design**
Basics
Sustainability
Greenhouses

Program Description

Master Gardener program is perfect for those interested in learning more about the art and science of gardening such as botany, plant identification and propagation, pest and weed management, sustainable gardening techniques and more. It is both theoretical and practical, taught by horticulturists, experienced practitioners and industry experts. Participants are encouraged to work together as a group in order to enhance knowledge and to solve problems. Different perspectives enrich the discussions and the learning experience.

Program Commitment

This program will challenge participants and requires a serious investment of time. Students are led through an intensive program with assignments, written examinations, and a volunteer practicum of forty hours to be completed by August 1, 2020. Students can choose to do both Part A and B in the same year or in separate years. A final exam will be held 3 weeks after the final class of Master Gardener course B.

Prerequisites

Secondary (High School) Education is required. Some post-secondary school (education or experience) is an asset.

Since the Master Gardener Program covers a variety of topics and is scientifically challenging attending the prerequisite courses is strongly recommended to help ease the transition into the program.

Applications

Applications can be made by downloading the application form from the Calgary Horticultural Society website - www.calhort.org under the Master Gardener Tab.

Please see our website for detailed application and refund policies or call our office at: 403-287-3469.

About Us

The Society's mandate is to educate, promote and support gardening successfully in the chinook zone. It is driven by the belief that as the gardening community grows, the city's quality of life is enhanced, and so is the environment.

Come Grow with us!

WHERE

Living Spirit United Church: 629 49 Ave SW
(near Elbow Dr and 50 Ave SW)

WHEN

Wednesdays
9:30 am-2 pm

PRICING

The cost of the Master Gardener Program (A+B) ranges from \$1150-\$1250 depending on payment options. Prerequisites are priced separately.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact the Master Gardener Coordinator, at mastergardener@calhort.org