

Calgary Horticultural Society's Master Gardener Program

The Calgary Horticultural Society is pleased to deliver its Master Gardener Program on Saturdays for 2020-2021. 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

Pre-requisite courses run spring and fall
Master Gardener Part A runs Oct -Jan
Master Gardener Part B runs Jan - April
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.

Part A

Climate
Soil and Soil Amendments
Plant Groupings
Bonsai
General Plant Care
Houseplants
Lawn Care
Irrigation

Part B

Pathology
Insects
Non-insect Pests
Weeds
Tree Care
Communications
Design Overview
Greenhouses

Edibles
Flowering Plants
Propagation

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, testing and a volunteer practicum of forty hours.

Students can choose to do both Part A and B in the same year or in separate years.

Prerequisites

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

Recommended: 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

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

2020-2021:
Calgary Zoo
(Auditorium
Classroom)
1200 Zoo Rd NE
Calgary

WHEN

Saturdays
9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Oct-April
(excluding holidays)

PRICING

\$200 registration fee
\$900 for A & B
together or
2 x \$500 for A & B
separately.
Zoo admission not
included!

QUESTIONS?

Please contact the Master
Gardener Coordinator at
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