

**Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist**  
**March 10-12, 2016**  
**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service**  
**Tarrant County, Fort Worth, Texas**  
**& Dallas County, Dallas, Texas**



**Specialist Program Purpose:**

To provide advanced training whereby Master Gardeners can obtain specialization in areas that support or expand designed programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

**Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist:**

In an effort to provide training, the Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist Program was created as a hands-on, intensive multi-day training that will empower you with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas A&M AgriLife Extension efforts in educational programs.

Master Gardeners who fulfill specified training and volunteer requirements will be recognized as a Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist. This certification does not empower the individual with supervisory or administrative authority within his/her local county programs.

**Participation Requirements:**

To be eligible for the Vegetable Specialist training, an individual must possess an up-to-date Master Gardener certification or be an employee of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Your application must be approved by Your local County Extension Agent.

**Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist:**

The Vegetable Specialist program is designed to train and certify Master Gardeners to become part of a state corps of volunteer experts and educators. To become a certified Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist, you are required to attend the Vegetable Specialist training to fulfill training requirements and subsequently meet service requirements described below. Training activities during the course will empower you to complete these service requirements.



**Time Commitment:**

You are required to serve a minimum of one year as a Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist providing a minimum of 20 hours of service.

**Training and Service Requirements:**

- Attend the Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist training
- Serve as a local Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist resource
- Assist with Vegetable Specialist training for Master Gardeners and trainees
- Conduct community/youth vegetable education programs
- Increase clientele knowledge about Vegetable Specialist through: presentation, workshops and mass media efforts ( i.e. radio, newspaper, television, newsletters)

**Specialist Recognition and Certification:**

Upon completion of the Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist service requirements, the you will be formally recognized at the annual Texas Master Gardener Conference, at which time you will be awarded a Master Gardener Specialist Certificate and lapel pin.

**Resources Available to Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist:**

Direct access to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service County Extension Agent – Horticulture Free Soil Test coupon.

- Choice of 3 of 5 vegetable books
- Jump drive with over 1200 files including powerpoints from training
- Pocket loupe for insect ID

**If you need any special accommodations, please contact Steve Chaney at 817-884-1296 by March 1, 2016 so we can consider your request.**



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**Registration Form**  
**March 10-12, 2016**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ MG

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required MG Coordinator/Agent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ASK YOUR COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT TO FAX REGISTRATION FORM TO 817-884-1941 To insure meeting the deadline.**

**Registration fee: \$ 235.00**

(Includes dinner (1) (Thursday Night), lunch (2), snacks, drinks, equipment, jump drive and resource materials distributed during course).

Spouse would like to attend Thursdaynight dinner: **\$20.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetable Specialist denim Shirt for an additional **\$32.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetable Specialist Baseball Cap **\$ 9.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

If you have any **special dietary needs**, please contact Steve Chaney at 817-884-1296 by **March 1, 2016.**

**Please check:**

Shirt Size: Ladies \_\_\_\_\_ Men \_\_\_\_\_ Short Sleeve \_\_\_\_\_ Long Sleeve \_\_\_\_\_

S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_\_\_

- Transportation and lodging is on your own.
- Course is limited to the first 50 applicants to send check and application.
- **A maximum of 2 Master Gardeners from each county.**
- **After the deadline registration will be reopened if enrollment is not reached**

**Deadline: February 22, 2016**

We must order supplies in advance so there will be **no refunds after February 22, 2016**

**Mail check made payable to:**

**(TCMGA)** along with the registration form to:

Vegetable Specialist Course

P.O. Box 1540

Fort Worth, TX 76101-1540.

**For more information Contact:**

**Steve Chaney** ([S-Chaney@tamu.edu](mailto:S-Chaney@tamu.edu)) or 817-884-1296

Educational programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.



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**Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist** course will include high quality training combined with hands-on experience.

**Course Location:**

Resource Connection

2300 Circle Dr.

Fort Worth, TX 76119

**Phone Number:** 817-884-1296

**Accommodations:**

- Transportation to Fort Worth will be on your own.

**Cost:**

Registration fee of \$235.00 per person includes:

- 2 Lunches, 1 dinner, snacks and drinks
- Vegetable Specialist training
- Direct access to Texas AgriLife Extension Service County Extension Agent – Horticulture
- Free Soil Test coupon
- Choice of 3 of 5 vegetable books
- Jump drive with over 1200 files including power point presentations from training
- Pocket loupe for insect ID
- All required materials and supplies

\*\*\*Denim Vegetable Specialist shirt available for additional \$32.00. Please select size on registration form and add \$32.00 to your payment.

\*\*\*Vegetable Specialist Baseball Cap available for an additional \$9.00 (add to total)

**DRESS:** Dress casually, wear comfortable closed toe shoes and bring insect repellent. For more information, contact Steve Chaney, Extension Horticulturist, 817-884-1296 or [s-chaney@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:s-chaney@ag.tamu.edu)

**AGENDA TO FOLLOW**