The Master Gardener Program is a volunteer educational program designed to assist The Ohio State University Extension in meeting the horticultural needs of Ohio citizens. Its purpose is to train volunteers and use their expertise to teach people about plants, their culture, and their importance to the environment and to quality of life. Master Gardener volunteers provide technical assistance to the county Extension office to help carry out consumer horticulture activities and programs.

Putnam County Master Gardeners also have held biennial garden tours and garden fairs, spoken to groups, lent expertise to landscaping and gardening projects, and had booths at the Putnam Co. Fair and the Farm and Home Show.

Training and internship programs are offered periodically. For more information, contact:

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REGISTRATION FORM

To pre-register, complete and send this form with a check for $20.00 to Putnam Co. Master Gardeners, Ohio State University Extension, PO Box 189, Ottawa, OH 45875. Registration forms are also available online at www.putnam.osu.edu.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 26.

Features:
- Keynote Speaker
- Eight Classes on Gardening
- Garden Cafe
- Raffle

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Spring into Gardening Fair!

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Class Schedule
8:45 – 9:30 Registration. Visit Café and Vendors.
9:30 – 10:30 Keynote Speaker: Janet Macunovich
11:00 – 12:00 4 Class Sessions
12:00 – 1:30 Lunch. Visit Vendors. Meet the Speaker.
1:30 – 2:30 4 Class Sessions
2:30 – 3:00 Raffle Results; Turn in Evaluations

Class Sessions and Presenters

“Vegetable Gardening”  Glen Arnold
Glen served as an OSU Extension Educator in Putnam Co. for 22 years and brought the Master Gardener program to Putnam Co. He enjoys vegetable gardening, using both a raised bed garden and a traditional vegetable garden. Glen’s presentation will focus on the control of insects and diseases of vegetable gardens as well as the use of mulches and weed barriers to conserve moisture and control weeds.

“Preserving: Cashing in on Your Harvest”  Barbara Brahm
Barbara will share the basics of food preservation, including freezing, canning, and drying. She will discuss pressure canning and water bath canning, with emphasis on safe and high quality preserved products, using OSU recommended equipment and procedures. She will use PowerPoint and print materials and displays, and will provide handouts. An OSU Extension Educator for 38 years, she has taught food preservation in five Ohio counties and is now an Educator in the Family and Consumer Sciences for Hancock Co.

“Gardening of the Future”  Janet Macunovich
In this presentation, professional gardener, author, and educator Janet poses a question based on considerable research: Where is gardening going in the next few years? You will have fun considering the trends, peeking at where others are heading, and picturing the garden of ten years from now.

“Horticultural All-Stars”  Janet Macunovich
From her professional landscape designer’s perspective, Janet will discuss the trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals that she picks when she must whittle the choices way down, yet still be sure to design a beautiful, classic, enduring landscape. Have fun picking one from her list that you already have in your garden, then see how she builds a winning combination from that starting point.

“Planting for Year Round Color in the Garden”  Becky McCann
Becky will help you plan your garden so you can find interest even on the dreariest of winter days—from the silhouettes of trees, the cinnamon exfoliating bark of a river birch, the red and black berries of shrubs, to evergreen trees, shrubs and perennials. She will walk through the seasons looking at plants for the home garden that extend the seasons and give year round interest. A State Certified Nursery Technician and retired OSU Extension Horticulturist, Becky now teaches Plant Science and Herbaceous Plant Identification at Owens Community College.

“Hardscapes”  Jordan Pingle
Jordan has worked in residential and commercial landscaping for 13 years and has owned his own business for 8 years, primarily installing hardscapes—patios, drives, decks, and walls. He will provide handouts and brochures from suppliers and displays of hardscape materials: for example, flagstone, pavers, and pre-formed wall block. He will also show how to lay a patio/walk way and a wall. He will focus on many practical and visual uses, varieties, colors, materials, and manufacturers, with time for listeners’ questions.

“From Emerald Ash Borer to Asian Longhorn Beetle, What is Next?”  Amy Stone
An OSU Extension Educator for Lucas Co., Amy led the Emerald Ash Borer Task Force in Ohio. She is now spreading the word about another invader, the Asian Longhorned Beetle. Invasive species should be familiar to all gardeners. Their impact is far reaching, can be costly, and can change the look of landscapes. Wood boring beetles like EAB and ALB are impacting Ohio’s forests. Participants will become beetle busters, he advised about other invasive species, and hear replanting recommendations.

“Woody Ornamentals”  Kay Studer
As the OSU Extension Horticulture Program Coordinator in Allen Co., Kay directed the ‘Master Gardener program for over 15 years. She has received national recognition and many awards for creativity and programs at the Children’s Garden in Lima. Since retiring, she and her daughter have started “Buckeye Blooms,” an organic flower farm in Allen Co. Using PowerPoint and plant examples, she will discuss seven steps of “Plant Selection Criteria” for selecting woody ornamentals that will survive and thrive in your landscape.