

# MISSION

*“Helping Others Learn to Grow”*

- Enhance the economy and environment through horticultural education.
- Use applied research and the research resources of the University of Massachusetts.
- Connect people with their environment by helping them find sound management practices for home and urban natural resources.
- Create and maintain an aesthetically pleasing environment.
- Promote well-being through people/plant interactions and horticulture therapy.
- Contribute to a safe, abundant food supply through home fruit and vegetable production.

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## HORTICULTURAL CLINIC

A service offering answers to horticultural questions, plant and insect diagnostics, and pH soil testing.

### CLINIC HOURS

April through September  
Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

March and October  
Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



# MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION OF CAPE COD



[www.capecod.gov/extension](http://www.capecod.gov/extension)





## ABOUT

Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who help increase the outreach efforts of Cooperative Extension. Cooperative Extension was enacted by Congress in 1914, to provide the public with education, information, and practical application of new research through the Land Grant Universities. Cape Cod Cooperative Extension conducts programs in cooperation with the University of Massachusetts (Amherst), U.S. Department of Agriculture and is supported by county, federal, and state funds.

Master Gardeners first appeared in 1972, when a Washington state County Extension Agent trained a group of volunteers to help meet the public's demand for horticulture information. The program spread quickly to the fifty surrounding states and Canadian provinces. In Massachusetts, the Master Gardener program was run by UMass Cooperative Extension until 1989. In 1993, the Master Gardener Association of Cape Cod was established to assist Cape Cod Cooperative Extension's outreach of unbiased horticulture information to Barnstable County citizens.

## OUTREACH

On Cape Cod, the Master Gardener program provides support to Cape Cod Cooperative Extension's Horticulture and Agriculture program by extending the outreach of unbiased horticulture information to the public through a number of popular programs.

"Ask a Master Gardener": Look for us at your local community event or program.  
~Year round

Backyard Horticulture: An eight to ten week garden program taught by Master Gardeners.  
~January-March

Children's Garden: Master Gardeners mentor children in the garden.  
~May-September

Horticulture Clinic: Answers to all your gardening questions.  
~Year round

Master Gardener Plant Sale: Offering a wide selection of plants and more!  
~May

Cape Cod Hydrangea Festival:  
*Tour personal spaces of Master Gardeners*

Speakers Bureau: Presentations to small groups and organizations on various topics.  
~Year round

Spring Horticultural Conference: All day educational event with professional speakers.  
~April

Autumn Joy: A half day event highlighting various gardening topics.  
~September

## TRAINING

Anyone who is knowledgeable or experienced in gardening, enthusiastic, interested in helping people, and able to communicate effectively can become a Master Gardener. Applications typically become available in late spring and are due by the end of summer. If you are interested, look for more information at [capecod.gov/extension](http://capecod.gov/extension).

The Master Gardener program's success relies on the dedication of its volunteers and requires a significant effort to complete the training and volunteer commitment. Training begins in January and is one full day a week for 10-12 weeks. Following the training, volunteers must meet the 60 hour volunteer obligation. After the initial year a minimum of 20 hours volunteering and 5 hours of continuing education is required to stay active.

