

# Who are Master Gardeners?



Master Gardeners Cindy Burris and Elizabeth Campbell of Spearfish, S.D.

Master Gardeners are trained volunteers that extend SDSU Extension's mission into the community by providing research-based horticultural information through various projects and services.

You might have met a Master Gardener volunteering at a local school or community garden, teaching a workshop or answering the public's questions at a farmer's market!

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## LOCAL CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION

A list of Master Gardener Clubs in the state can be found at:

[extension.sdstate.edu/garden-yard/  
master-gardener-volunteer-program](https://extension.sdstate.edu/garden-yard/master-gardener-volunteer-program)

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# Become a Master Gardener



Amanda Bachmann, SDSU Extension Pesticide Education and Urban Entomology Field Specialist, leading a Master Gardener training session.

You can become a Master Gardener by:

- Successfully completing the 40-hour training program
- Providing 40 hours of volunteer service within the community
- Continuing to learn and volunteer

Master Gardener training is provided once per year by South Dakota State University faculty and staff and consists of both online and in-person lessons.

The 40-hour training program provides research-based information about lawn care, landscape trees and shrubs, plant diseases, plant nutrition, vegetables, fruits, houseplants, home landscape design and more.

After training, trainees must complete 40 hours of volunteer service in 12 months to complete a MG internship and become a fully certified Master Gardener.

For training dates and fee information, visit: [extension.sdstate.edu/garden-yard/master-gardeners](https://extension.sdstate.edu/garden-yard/master-gardeners)

# Serve as a Master Gardener

SDSU Extension Master Gardeners have varying areas of expertise and programs that are tailored to local needs and opportunities. Examples of Master Gardener volunteer projects and services are:

**DEMONSTRATING** gardening techniques in school, community and Master Gardener demonstration gardens.

**DIAGNOSING** plant and pest problems.

**LEADING** classes and workshops on a variety of gardening topics.

**EDUCATING** the public at community events and fairs.



Master Gardeners Gerry Likness and Steve Hauck of Watertown, S.D.

Join over 400 Master Gardeners currently serving in communities throughout our great state!

# Stay Active as a Master Gardener

Being a Master Gardener is about volunteering and sharing horticulture knowledge. After the training and initial 40-hour internships is complete, SDSU Extension Master Gardeners can maintain their Master Gardener title by providing 20 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education annually.

Local Master Gardener clubs are a great way to get connected to community projects and like-minded individuals. The SDSU Extension Master Gardener Program office can also assist Master Gardeners in finding ways to fulfill their service requirement.



Master Gardeners Bev Miedema, Springfield, S.D. and Barbara Satter, Irene, S.D.

“I love working as a volunteer with SDSU Extension Master Gardeners. My mind is stimulated with the up-to-date horticulture information provided which fuels my teaching portfolio which in turn connects me to my community.”

— Sue W. White, Former President SDMG Association