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Who is the Master Gardener?

Tips for relating to and working with
your local Master Gardener

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How would you describe a Master Gardener?

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Statement of Purpose

The Extension Master Gardener Program educates, empowers, and supports volunteers to use university research-based information to [make] a positive difference in lives and communities.

<https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/purpose-values-vision/>

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Statement of Action

Master Gardener Volunteers provide educational services to their communities such as: answering gardening questions from the public; conducting plant clinics; gardening activities with children, senior citizens, or disabled persons; beautifying the community; developing community or demonstration gardens; and other horticultural activities.

<https://mastergardener.osu.edu/about>

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Tips for relating to and working with your local Master Gardener


 Share
Available
Resources


 Cool
Communication


 Human
Development


 Generativity

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Share Available Resources




AgrAbility

www.agrability.org/resources/

<https://agrability.osu.edu/>

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Cool Communication



Preferred: older adult, older person, older volunteer
Avoid 'elderspeak'
Adjusting to new tech takes time

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Cool Communication



Use closed captioning in Zoom
Large font, minimal content, pics of aging adults, mic

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Humans Develop



Differentiate from each other as we age

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Generativity



**Motivation to guide, teach, establish, contribute
to the life of the generations, and care**

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Generative Gardenerwork



The effort, time, resources, and commitment

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Generative Gardenerwork



Heredity work

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Generative Gardenerwork



Mentoring work

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Generative Gardenerwork



Spiritual work

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Character work

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Recreation work

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Generative Gardenerwork



Gardener identify work

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Nurturing work

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Generative Gardenerwork



Healing work

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Mission Statement

A Master Gardener nurtures mind, body, earth, and community by teaching, guiding, and establishing generations of plants, animals, and humans which beautify our world now and in the future.

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