

## 2024 Master Gardener Volunteer Training

### Class Requirements

You are expected to:

- **Attend all 12 classes.** These classes take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Attendance at all twelve in-person classes is expected. If you are unable to attend a class, please let Susan Ndiaye know as soon as possible. When you miss a class, please contact Susan Ndiaye to find out how to make-up the material that was missed. If you miss more than two classes, you will be dismissed from the program.
- **Complete weekly activities in Moodle.** Each week a new Moodle section will be available, it will include lectures, videos, articles, knowledge checks, reflections, etc. These sections will open on Monday morning and the activities should be completed by the following Monday. If you are unable to complete these activities during the specified week, please let Susan Ndiaye know, so she can grant you an extension.
- **Check in with your mentor.** Your mentor is there to support you during the training and help you integrate into the Master Gardener Volunteer Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to them.
- **Attend two (2) monthly in-person Master Gardener Volunteer Meetings.** The meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month either at 9:30 am or 6:00 pm. In-person meetings are held March through December; a schedule is posted on Moodle with exact dates and times.
- **Help staff one ‘Ask a Master Garden’ Table.** These will be at farmers’ markets and public events throughout the county. Opportunities will be made known to you when they arise.
- **Assist with one Speakers Bureau Program or Workshop.** Speakers Bureau Programs are presented for garden clubs, libraries, etc. Workshops are held at our office in Middletown. Opportunities will be made known to you when they arise.
- **Write a 600-word article for the Gardening in Orange County New York Blog on a topic of your choice.** The topic *can* be the same topic as your final presentation. Topics must be approved by Susan Ndiaye.
- **Give a 12-minute presentation to the class on a gardening topic of your choice.** We will discuss these presentations in detail during an upcoming class. The presentations will be given at our classes in September, October, and November.
- **Pass the final exam.** This will be an open book exam and you will have at least two weeks to complete it.