



## **St. Louis Master Gardener Advanced Certification**

In response to the continued requests for more information on various horticulture topics not covered in the basic Master Gardener program, the Advanced Master Gardener Certification was created. In the Advanced Certification process, St. Louis Master Gardeners can continue to pursue their quest for knowledge and commitment to community. The extended instructional time will permit greater subject matter depth than is possible in the Core Course instruction.

### **Guidelines**

1. Master Gardener must currently be classified as active in the program with a recorded 50 hours or more of approved volunteer/continuing education hours in the previous year.
2. Each MG must submit an Application of Intent to Complete Advanced Certification prior to receiving any credit. The application states that the MG is pursuing Advanced Certification and will obtain 24 credits within 3 years of enrollment.
3. Credit for advanced classes prior to January 2015 will not be counted.
4. Advanced credits will count toward the annual 10 hours of *continuing education* requirement.
5. **1 advanced credit is given for each class designated as Advanced, and at least 2 to 3 hours in length. Attendance verification is required.**
6. Advanced Certification must be completed in **3** years.

### **Start Date**

1. An Application of Intent to Complete Advanced Certification can be obtained from Holly Records [recordsh@missouri.edu](mailto:recordsh@missouri.edu) after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

### **Attendance Verification**

- Master Gardener will obtain the instructor's signature on the *MG Advanced Certification Class Log*.
- Master Gardener will attach a copy of the transcript for completed Meramec classes to the *MG Advanced Certification Class Log*.

### **Final Report/Questionnaire**

- Upon completion of 24 advanced credits, each Master Gardener is required to complete an *Advanced Training Questionnaire*.

A single credit will be given to those activities that are at least 2 hours in length and meet the criteria of being educational from a horticultural perspective. *This is different from Continuing Education hours which are logged by the hour.*

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| • <b>Master Gardener Monthly Continuing Education classes</b>  | 1 credit per class                   |
| • <b>MBG Adult Education (horticulture classes)</b>  | 1 credit per class                   |
| • <b>Meramec Community College Master Naturalist classes</b>   | 1 credit per class                   |
| • <b>Master Gardener State Conference classes</b>  | 1 credit per class noted as Advanced |
| • <b>Ask the Plant Doctor class – for plant doctors &amp; Kemper volunteers</b>  | 1 credit per class                   |
| • <b>Forest ReLeaf &amp; MO Dept of Conservation Treekeepers</b>   | to be determined                     |
| • <b>MG sponsored Advanced Certification classes</b>   | to be determined                     |
| • <b>Meramec Community College semester horticulture class</b>   | 10 credits                           |
| • <b>Meramec horticulture classes other than those listed are subject to review by Advanced Certification Committee.</b> |                                      |