

Weekly Column for Week of 5-17-10

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Master Gardener Program Scheduled

It is that time again to think about registering for the Master Gardener program that will take place this fall. Applications are already being accepted, so this is a great time to call in to get your information and registration packet sent to you. The Master Gardener program is for anyone who is interested in gaining knowledge on a wide variety of horticultural subjects, and then taking that knowledge and sharing it with others through volunteering.

Some of the topics that will be covered in the program are plant science, soil and plant nutrition, insect and weed control, vegetable and flower gardening, water gardening, and basic landscaping to name just some of the courses offered. The program is not just a series of classes, but is really an opportunity to use the information learned to share with the community through volunteering. There are so many different ways to volunteer, that you would be amazed. From doing seminars, to working behind the scenes by helping with set-up at Master Gardener events, there is a variety of volunteer opportunities for everyone.

The Master Gardener Program will begin on Wednesday, August 18th and will continue once a week until Wednesday Dec 15th. The time of each class will be from 1pm to 4:30pm. The cost for this 18 week course is \$175, which includes a wide variety of reference resources and publications that you will be yours to keep. For more information and to have an application packet mailed to you, call your Elkhart County Extension office.

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