

GARDENER GAZETTE

Quarterly Newsletter of AJMPU Unit Master Gardeners

COVID-19 UPDATE

Extension has updated volunteer guidelines during COVID-19 to reflect the phases of the Restore Illinois Plan. Now, you can simply follow guidelines for volunteering according to the different phases. Please reference the information below. Always contact the volunteer site and your local Master Gardener coordinator prior to volunteering on a project.

Phase 4:

- Maximum of 50 MGs can volunteer at an outdoor site at one time, with social distancing
- Face to face programming indoors with the lesser of 50 participants or 50% space capacity, with social distancing and face masks required
- Face to face programming outdoors with the lesser of 50 participants or 50% space capacity, with social distancing and face masks required

Phase 4, but county under warning status:

- Maximum of 25 MGs can volunteer at an outdoor site at one time, with social distancing
- Face to face programming indoors with the lesser of 10 participants or 50% space capacity, with social distancing and face masks required
- Face to face programming outdoors with the lesser of 25 participants or 50% space capacity with social distancing and face masks required

Phase 3:

- Maximum of 10 MGs can volunteer at an outdoor site at one time, with social distancing
- No face to face programming indoors
- Face to face programming outdoors with the lesser of 10 participants or 50% space capacity with social distancing and face masks required



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APPLICATIONS FOR KNOW MORE, GROW MORE FUNDS DUE NOVEMBER 16

University of Illinois Extension Know More, Grow More funds provide partial funding assistance to local Master Gardener programs in order to start or expand important community projects. These allocations are for gardening or horticulture programs that benefit communities and meet the goals of the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener program. Projects must have an educational focus.

Do you have an idea for a project that could benefit from receiving Know More, Grow More funds? Reach out to Erin Garrett in the coming weeks to discuss your idea!

Our Master Gardener group has received two of these funds in previous years, one to support the Fort Massac pollinator garden and one to support school gardening at Vienna Grade School.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Gardening in the Air - Virtual Gardening Saturday - Oct. 10

- Natives Track:
 - Prairie Plants and other Wildflowers for Sunny Gardens, 9:00am
 - Wondrous Wildflowers for the Shade, 10:00am
 - Native Trees and Shrubs for Wildlife, 11:00am
- Fruits Track:
 - Underutilized and Lesser-Known Fruit, 9:00am
 - Planning the Home Fruit Garden, 10:00am
 - Big Flavors in Small Spaces: Container Fruits, 11:00am
- Ornamentals Track:
 - Late Summer & Fall Colors in the Garden, 9:00am
 - Composting Do's and Don'ts, 10:00am
 - Fall Gardening for Pollinators, 11:00am

Four Seasons Gardening Webinar Series

- Creating a Bottle Terrarium, Oct. 13 at 1:30pm
- History of Forest Pest Outbreaks in North America, Nov. 17 at 1:30pm

Everyday Environment Webinar Series

- Composting Do's and Don'ts, Oct. 8 at 1:00pm
- Vermicomposting, Nov. 12 at 1:00pm
- Squirrels, Dec. 10 at 1:00pm