



Relevance

The Lubbock Master Gardener Association is an active, key component to horticulture education to the general public in Lubbock County. They serve as the volunteer educational wing of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in many counties throughout the state and work to support the local horticulture agent by hosting and teaching educational classes, volunteering for community betterment and beautification projects in Lubbock County. The Lubbock Master Gardener Association has become well known in the Lubbock community and has developed a brand which represents expertise, professionalism, and high quality, helpful programming in the realms of home horticulture, vegetable gardening, water use/conservation, rainwater harvesting, Earth-Kind and other beneficial horticultural practices.



Response

- 2022 Lubbock Master Gardener Intern Training Course (26 interns).
 - (8) In-person classes held from 9/8-10/27 for a total of (56) hours of education taught by Texas A&M AgriLife personnel, Texas Tech University professors, local environmental experts, and certified Lubbock Master Gardeners.
 - **(26) interns volunteered 1,300 hours in Lubbock County as of 12/31/22 with the value of \$38,935.00 (\$29.95 per hour).**

Evaluation Strategy

- Lubbock Master Gardener Intern Training Course was implemented weekly in the fall. A pre-post evaluation was administered at the conclusion of the session. In total 26 of 26 graduates returned the evaluation instrument for a response rate of 100%.

VALUE STATEMENT

Lubbock Master Gardener Association

The Lubbock Master Gardener Program is an educational volunteer organization, part of Texas A&M University's AgriLife Extension Service. The Master Gardener Program is designed to increase the availability of horticultural information and extend horticultural projects throughout Lubbock County. The program provides invaluable training and educational opportunities. Adults who become Master Gardeners contribute time as volunteers, working through the AgriLife Extension office to provide horticultural-related information in various ways to the Lubbock community.

\$85,058.00

VALUE IN
VOLUNTEERISM
BACK TO LUBBOCK
COUNTY



80

Certified Lubbock
Master Gardeners
in Lubbock County



RESULTS

Extension Agent Reid taught the Extension Orientation, history and landscape design programs, while other local experts covered other chapters of the Texas Master Gardener Handbook. Pre- and post-surveys indicate participants had a statistically different positive change as a result of the Lubbock Master Gardener Association 2022 Intern Class program in the following areas:

Knowledge Gained

- Pre-survey average score: **21% (failing grade)**
- Post survey average score: **72% (passing grade)**
- 67% increase in sustainable plant choices for Lubbock County
- 89% increase in knowledge of water conservation
- 75% increase in proper plant maintaince techniques

SUMMARY

The value of the Lubbock Master Gardener Intern program in Lubbock County is empowering adults with the knowledge and support to successfully practice horticultural activities, provide examples for the Lubbock County public, offer educational opportunities for the Lubbock County public, and volunteering for community betterment and beautification in Lubbock County.

FUTURE PROGRAMMING

The Lubbock Master Gardener Intern program will continue in 2023. Expansion areas include: new speakers and topics, hands on demonstrations, and new emerging horticultural issues.

To get involved, please visit the Lubbock Master Gardener Association website:
www.lubbockmastergardener.org



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