



Northern Kentucky Master Gardener Program

Approved Volunteer Locations

Revised: January 2022

For Northern Kentucky Master Gardener internships, 40 hours of volunteer service are required to complete the program.

- A minimum of 20 of the 40 hours must be from Category I: Cooperative Extension Volunteer Sites.
- 20 of the 40 hours may be done in Category 2: Approved Kentucky Volunteer Opportunities.
- Up to 5 hours of volunteerism may be done in Category 3: Out of state volunteer sites.
- Volunteers who would like to create a volunteer site should contact the Boone, Kenton or Campbell County CES offices.

For Master Gardeners doing recertification, 20 hours of volunteer service is required to maintain standing. 15 volunteer hours can be completed in any category and 5 volunteer hours must be completed in Category 1. To remain a certified participant, you must have 10 hours of continuing education classes related to horticulture.

NO HOURS WILL BE APPROVED FOR TRANSPORTING OTHER VOLUNTEERS OR YOUR-SELF FROM MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES.

Creating Volunteer Opportunities:

Master Gardeners may create new volunteer sites around the local community, by submitting a project proposal form. The following is a list of volunteer site criteria. Volunteer sites must fit in all categories to be approved by the program committee.

Volunteer projects must:

- Be for a non-profit organization or community horticulture service project.
- Have an educational component.
- Portray the Northern Kentucky Master Gardener Program in a positive way.
- Bring recognition to the Northern Kentucky Master Gardener Program.
- Be safe for all participants.

Please obtain a project proposal form from the local county extension office. Turn your project proposal into one of the following people for approval:

Boone County – David Koester, Joe Smith, Joseph Morgan (859) 586-6101

Kenton County – Brandon George, Mary Ann Schultz (859) 356-3155

Campbell County – Sarah Imbus, Terri Turner, Kathryn Green (859) 572-2600

Individuals can seek alternative projects suited to their needs.



Category 1: Cooperative Extension Volunteer Sites

Intern Master Gardeners A minimum 20 of the 40 volunteer hours must be done at locations in Category 1*

Recertified Master Gardeners 5 volunteer hours must be done in Category 1

Boone County Extension Service

P.O.Box 876

9190 Camp Ernst Road

Burlington, KY 41005

Phone #: 859-586-6101

Fax #: 859-586-6107

Contact: **David Koester** dkoester@uky.edu

Joe Smith joseph.smith2@uky.edu

Joseph Morgan jpmo244@uky.edu

www.ca.uky.edu/boone

- **Dig Party Thursday's**— We work in the Boone County Gardens every Thursday from April to November
- **Ask a Master Gardener Booth** at the following locations:
 - Boone County Farmers Market (Spring and Fall)
 - Earth Day Giveaway (April)
 - Arbor Day at the Arboretum (April)
 - Boone County Fair (August)
 - Boone County Community Fair (May)
- Once a month at Nature Center checking in and out people to hike the trails with our educational map
- **Newsletters**—We are always looking people to write newsletter articles.
- **Nature and Environmental Center Garden**— Work on Demonstration Plots of Fruits and Vegetables or lead a nature walk.
- **Additional Opportunities:**
 - Vegetable Kits together for Earth Day
 - Seeding Trays for Programs
 - Help with Plant Labels
 - Assisting with Horticulture Kids Camp
 - Judge FFA Speeches
 - Master Gardeners willing teach programs

Boone County Arboretum

9190 Camp Ernst Road

Union, KY 41091

Phone #: 859-801-3260

Contact: **Kris Stone**

kstone@boonecountyky.org

www.bcarboretum.org

- **Helping Hands**— We work the Arboretum Gardens every Tuesday from April to November
- **Adopt—A—Collection** - After training, volunteers will beautify a collection area of their choice on their own time. Collections include: Children's Garden, Butterfly Garden, Rain Garden, Roses....
- **Plant Labels**—Research plants that are in the arboretum and help create labels.
- **Autumn Affair** — An elegant evening with silent auction, and inspirational speaker that benefits the Education Fund.
- **Tree Fund Event** — Educational symposium with a focus on plant conservation topics, raises funds for the Tree Fund to support tree focused research, collection development and educational programs relating to trees
- **Arboretum on Wheels and General Education Programs**
- **Arboretum Field Trips**
- **Dogwood Dash**
- **Pawpaw tasting**
- **Arbor Day/ Earth Day** — Tree giveaways
- **Fall Plant Sale**

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Campbell County Extension Service and Lakeside Common Gardens

3500 Alexandria Pike
Highland Heights, KY 41076
Phone #: 859-572-2600
Fax #: 859-572-2619

Contact:

Sarah Imbus sarah.imbus@uky.edu

Terri Turner tturner@uky.edu

Kathryn Green Kathryn.green@uky.edu

www.ca.uky.edu/campbell

- **Lakeside Commons Educational Garden**—We work in the gardens every Friday.
- **Farmers Markets of Northern Kentucky** - (Highland Heights, Alexandria, Newport, Ft Thomas) Contact: Sarah Stolz

Campbell County Environmental Education Center

1261 Race Track Road
Alexandria, KY 41001
Phone #: 859-572-2600
Fax #: 859-572-2619

Contact: **D.J. Scully** djscully@uky.edu

Aubree Dawson aubree.dawson@uky.edu

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Kenton County Extension Service and Outdoor Educational Center

10990 Marshall Road

Covington, KY 41015

Phone #: 859-356-3155

Fax #: 859-356-0363

Contact:

Brandon George brandon.george@uky.edu

Mary Ann Schultz maryann.schultz@uky.edu

www.ca.uky.edu/kenton

- **Work in the Garden.** Usually Wednesday during the growing season from 9-12, or another day weather permitting. 10900 Marshall Road, Independence.
- **Garden help.** Although we have our weekly workday in the garden, we sometimes need additional assistance and could use your help with various garden activities at both locations throughout the growing season.
- **Kenton County Fair.** The third week of July. Help set up the fruits and vegetables booth and exhibit displays, water flower displays, staff the “Ask a Master Gardener” booth, or give demonstrations.
- **Farm Harvest Tour.** Annually, the third Saturday in September. Help with garden tours, “Ask a Master Gardener”, and more. 10990 Marshall Rd.
- **Seed sorting/seed giveaways.** Annually in spring, March.
- **Photographers wanted.** Help create a collection of plant, insect, and related photos to use for publications, PowerPoints, etc. Event photographers wanted, too—dates & times vary. If you take great, clear pictures that you think are of interest, email them to us!
- **Horticultural Therapy/Garden Club.** Help out at Rosedale Green (Covington), Emerald Trace (Erlanger) and other senior care facilities with horticulture related 1-hour programs. Once a month, pending resumption post pandemic. Tuesdays; other times tba.
- **Farmer Market.** Erlanger on Thursdays, Covington on Saturdays. Help set up, take down, represent Extension in general and Horticulture. Answer questions as an “Ask a Master Gardener” booth and give out University of Kentucky recipe cards .
- **Classes:** Help register attendees, pass out supplies, surveys, assist with materials, etc. at various classes and activities. Times and dates vary. You get to attend for free.
- Youth classes and activities. Times and dates vary. We can offer classes for girl scouts, cub and boy scouts, and other programs for children and teens.





Category 2: Approved Kentucky Volunteer Opportunities

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Baker-Hunt Art and Cultural Center

Lessons in the Garden—Early April to Mid-May

620 Greenup Street

Covington, KY 41011

Phone #: 859-468-4422 or 859-781-3961

Contact: **Virginia Kerst** vgk1@msn.com

859-291-0542

www.bakerhunt.org

Latonia Elementary—Herbmania

Year-Around Project

3901 Huntington Ave.

Covington, KY 41015

Phone #: 859-292-5825

Fax #: 859-572-2619

Contact: **Kim Frank**

Phone: 859-292-5825

Kimberly.Frank@covington.kyschools.us

Northern Kentucky Master Gardener Association

Board Member, Assist with Educational Programs

Mailing Address:

PO Box 188075

Erlanger, KY 41018

Contact: **Teri Loeser** teriloeser@hotmail.com

www.nkymastergardener.com/

Dinsmore Homestead

Historic Plant Preservation—March to Early November

5656 Burlington Pike

Burlington, KY 41005

Phone #: 859-586-6872

Contact: **Marea West**

mareawest@fuse.net

www.dinsmorefarm.org

Linden Grove Cemetery and Arboretum

March through the end of November

1421 Holman Ave

Covington, KY 41011

Phone #: 859-261-5539

Contact: **Rick Ludlum**

rscaper@fuse.net

859-652-2303

www.historiclindengrove.org



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Northern Kentucky Urban Forestry

Council

Board Member, Reforest NKY

(Various Projects in NKY)

Phone #: 859-384-4999

Contact: **Kris Stone**

kstone@boonecounty.org

www.urbanforestry.org

Fort Wright Municipal Gardens

Monarch Butterfly Station and Memorial garden

409 Kyles Lane

Fort Wright, KY

Phone #: 859-331-1700

Contact: **Jill Bailey**

JCBailey@fortwright.com

Big Bone Lick Park Beautification

Beautification Curb Appeal

(Spring-Fall)

3380 Beaver Road

Union, KY 41091

Phone #: 859-384-3522

Contact: **Dean Hanson**

Dean.hanson@ky.gov

Gardens at St. Elizabeth Hospital Hospice

Hospice Gardens

(April—October)

483 South Loop Drive

Edgewood, KY 41017

Phone #: 513-498-5353

Contact: **Joan Schoettelkotte**

joanschoettelkotte@hotmail.com

Commemorative Grave Site of Daniel

Goff

Beautification

Property of Tom & Carol Schiffer

10416 Gunpowder Road

Florence, KY 41042

Phone #: 859-384-2708

Contact: **Lynn Demi**

ddemi10425@aol.com



Category 3: Approved Out of State Volunteer Opportunities

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Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden

Mid-March through Mid– November

3400 Vine Street

Cincinnati, OH 45220

Phone #: 231-233-2444

Contact: **Tosh Dobias**

Natasha.dobias@cincinnati-zoo.org

www.cincinnati-zoo.org