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UAF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER CLASS OFFERED IN SITKA

The 44-hour Master Gardener training will be offered in Sitka starting March 7, 2013. The course is a basic horticulture class. Subjects covered during the course include:

- soil management and fertility,
- composting,
- propagating plants,
- vegetable, fruit, berry, flower gardening,
- landscape trees, shrubs and lawn selection & care,
- houseplants and indoor gardening,
- greenhouses and other season extenders, and
- pest management.

The purpose of this service learning class is to teach basic horticulture to community people who will then provide 40 hours of Master Gardener related community service in Sitka. Master Gardeners are not free labor. Master Gardeners enable the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension to disseminate fact-based gardening information to the public. They assist with workshops, help teachers with in-school and after school gardening, work with community gardens and pest management events, help collect local gardening information used in Extension publications, and identify reliable gardening information resources and engage in a variety of activities.

The class costs $150 including the manual, handouts, supplies and instruction. The price of the class will most likely increase in the future. The class involves lectures, demonstrations, reading, laboratory exercises, videos and DVD's. The instructor is Sitka based Extension Resource Development Agent Bob Gorman.

Minimum class size is ten students and at least ten students must pre-register and prepay for the class. Registration is available online at http://bit.ly/ces-workshops or contact Jasmine at 907-747-9440. Once registration is paid, students will receive a copy of Extension's Sustainable Gardening manual.

The class begins Thursday, March 7th and finishes Thursday, April 18th. Daytime instruction is on six Saturdays (4 hours for half days, 7.5 hours for full days). Evening instruction is on four Thursdays (2 hours).

Students should be high school graduates, GED or similar education level. Home school and high school students are welcome. For questions about the class or course content contact the course instructor at 907-747-9440 or email rfgorman@alaska.edu.
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UAF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE MASTER GARDENER CLASS OFFERED IN SITKA

The 44-hour Master Gardener training will be offered in Sitka starting March 7, 2013. The course is a basic horticulture class covering such topics as soil and pest management, food gardening, greenhouses and season extenders, and plant propagation.

The purpose of the service learning class is to train community people who will provide 40 hours of Master Gardener related community service in Sitka.

The class costs $150 including the manual, handouts, supplies, and instruction. The class consists of lectures, demonstrations, reading, laboratory exercises, videos and DVD’s. The instructor is Sitka based UAF Cooperative Extension Service Agent Bob Gorman. Preregistration is necessary. To register for the class go to http://bit.ly/ces-workshops or call 907-747-9440.

The class begins Saturday, March 7th at 6:30 pm and finishes April 18th with a final exam. Instruction is on six Saturdays and four Thursdays.

Students should be high school graduates, GED or similar education level. Home school and high school students are welcome.

For questions about the class or course content contact the instructor at 907-747-9440.

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