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Dear Master Gardener:

This letter is your invitation to continue in the Master Gardener Program in 2020 and explains the requirements for doing so. **Please note that the number of classroom and volunteer hours has been reduced, so we hope this will encourage you to continue in the program as a recertifying Master Gardener. We also have a top notch schedule of classes and presenters planned for 2020 (see attached). Please read through the entire letter.**

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### **Recertifying Master Gardeners**

To recertify as a Master Gardener volunteer, you must:

- Complete the application forms listed below
- Pay the appropriate fees (see below)
- Complete a minimum of 10 hours of approved classroom training
- Pass a written recertification exam at the end of classes
- Complete a minimum of 12 hours in plant clinics and 12 additional volunteer hours

### **Recertifying Lifetime Master Gardeners**

If you are a Lifetime Master Gardener (a Master Gardener who has completed certification for 10 or more years), and you wish to recertify in 2020, both the training fee and Association dues are waived, but you must:

- Complete the application forms listed below
- Complete a minimum of 10 hours of approved training
- Pass a written recertification exam at the end of classes
- Complete a minimum of 12 hours in plant clinics and 12 additional volunteer hours

### **All Recertifying Master Gardeners must complete and return the following forms:**

- 2020 OSU Master Gardener Recertification Application
- Conditions of Volunteer Service Form (Activity = OSU Extension Master Gardener)
- Master Gardener Code of Conduct (updated this year so everyone needs to fill one out)
- Ethnicity Form (optional)

If you choose **NOT** to recertify but want to maintain Lifetime Master Gardener status, **you must still fill out the application form and the new Code of Conduct form** in your packet.

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### **Associate Members**

This is an option for previously certified Master Gardeners who want to remain affiliated with the program but not complete the training or volunteer requirements for recertification. Associates may participate in association events and attend classes, but may not participate in activities requiring certification, e.g. plant clinics. To become an Associate Member you must:

- Complete the Master Gardener application checking the Associate Member box
- Pay the required fees

Remember!

**Please return all application materials by Friday, January 10, 2020.** If you are unable to print them, let me know and the forms will be mailed to you.

If you find that you are unable to continue in the program or if you have questions about continuing in the program, please let me know.

During 2020, the Master Gardener Program will hold classes from late January to early April. Six of our classes will also be offered to the community for \$10 per class. Some of these will be on Wednesday evenings and some will be on Saturdays. See the attached schedule for details.

In addition to any of the classes offered as part of the annual Master Gardener training in Hood River, some examples of approved training for recertifying Master Gardeners are:

- Master Gardener training offered by other counties or states
- Classes at Mini College
- Educational seminars or workshops offered in conjunction with garden shows
- Other local gardening workshops
- Summer Gardening Series

If there is a garden related training that you would like to attend but are not sure if it would count as approved training, contact me. If you would like to attend one or more classes in Wasco County, please let me know so I can get approval for you to attend those classes. Those classes are held during the day on Wednesdays from February to March.

On behalf of OSU Extension Service, I want to thank you for making the Master Gardener Program in the Central Gorge a success in 2019. You make it possible for us to provide gardening information and solve gardening problems for people in our community. I appreciate your commitment to the program and look forward to your continued participation in 2020.

Sincerely,

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