Suggested criteria to be considered for classes shall be that the class topic covers environmental, ornamental or edible plants or is associated with gardening, such as garden art or hardscaping in the garden. The following topics or sub-topics have been suggested on evaluation forms for Advanced Master Gardener classes.

The topics have been arranged alphabetically with the first topic of the letter in bold type. EX: **Keyhole Gardens**; each possible main topic is starred * and subtopics are without a star and slightly indented. Subtopics may be combined with other subtopics or topics to complete the six hours required for Advanced Training.

A
*Arkansas Native Plants
*Landscaping with Arkansas Native Plants
  Gardening for wildlife Identification
  Propagation Selection and use
B
* Backyard Poultry
* Beekeeping
* Birds, Landscaping for Birds
* Bonsai
* Botany, (plant groups)
C
* Children, Working with
* Companion Planting
* Container Gardening
  Growing citrus and other trees/shrubs in containers
D
*Disease and Pest Control
  Blights, fungi, wilts/other garden problems Garden pests and how to discourage
  Organic control methods for disease and pests
E
*Environmental Concerns
  Sustainable Gardening
  Invasive plants
  Water Quality
F
*Farmer’s Markets
*Fertilization, in Depth Information
  How and when to fertilize
*Fruits
  Tree fruits, nuts Small fruits (blueberries, strawberries, blackberries)
G
*Garden Art
  Creative uses for old items
*Grafting
H
*Hardscaping: Pergolas, Arbors, Walkways, Gates
  How to construct landscape beds Raised beds and cold frames
*Herbs
*Hyper tufa

I

*Insects, Helpful and Harmful

*Irrigation
  Hands on building/designing drip irrigation  Irrigation strategies
  How and when to water  Water conservation

*Integrated Pest Management

K

*Keyhole Gardens

L

*Landscape and Design
  Designing plantings  Edible landscaping
  Garden rooms  Shade gardens
  Water in the garden (accent, pond, bog)  Xeriscaping

M

*Maintenance of Gardens/Home Owner and MG Project Beds
  Deadheading plants  Pruning Japanese maples
  Tool maintenance (sharpening and care)  Weed and grass control and prevention

*Mosses and Lichens (could be combined with Water in the garden)

O

*Organic Gardening

P

*Perennials ie., (Peonies, Hellebores, Ferns, Roses, Hydrangeas)

*Pollinator Gardens

*Propagation (cuttings, seeds, saving seeds)
  Daylily hybridizing

R

*Rain Gardens

S

*Soil, How to Improve

*Trees & Shrubs
  Care  Conifers and evergreens
  Pruning  Selection

*Tropicals  (Orchids, Palms, or Annuals in Arkansas)

V

*Vegetable Gardening
  High tunnels/extending growing season  Vegetable growing tricks and tips

Comments:  Master Gardeners love Advanced Trainings, especially if a hands on activity is part of the learning. The previous topics and sub-topics are only suggestions to help you think about a possible topic. Your topic needs to be something that you are passionate about and that you want other MGs to learn about. The Advanced Training Project encourages counties to host an Advanced Training. What’s in it for your county?
  • You will showcase your county programs and projects.
  • You will help broaden the knowledge and skill of Master Gardeners in Arkansas.
  • Your members will love planning and sharing information with other Master Gardeners.

The Advanced Training Project of County 76 stands ready to assist you with support from members who have had experience in planning an Advanced Training.

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