

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: **K*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

Propagation

Identification

Selection and use

Wild edibles

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**

Blight, fungi, wilts/other garden problems

Organic control methods for disease and pests

Garden pests and how to discourage

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
How and when to water

Irrigation strategies
Water conservation

***Integrated Pest Management**

K

***Keyhole Gardens**

L

***Landscape and Design**

Designing plantings
Garden rooms
Water in the garden (accent, pond, bog)

Edible landscaping
Shade gardens
Xeriscaping

M

***Maintenance of Gardens/Home Owner and MG Project Beds**

Deadheading plants
Tool maintenance (sharpening and care)

Pruning Japanese maples
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**

***Square Foot Gardening**

T

***Tomatoes**

***Trees & Shrubs**

Care
Pruning

Conifers and evergreens
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.