

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Master Gardener classes will start Tuesday, Jan. 28, at the Lincoln-Logan-McPherson Extension Office at 348 W. State Farm Road in North Platte.

Gardening enthusiasts can participate by attending individual classes at \$10 per class.

Jan. 28: Orientation

Feb. 4: Using your extension master gardener handbook

Feb. 11: Integrated pest management in landscapes

Feb. 18: Diseases of herbaceous ornamental plants

Feb. 25 – Seeding, mowing and fertilizing lawns

March 4 – Beneficial pollinator insects in landscapes

March 11 – Basic plant and tomato propagation

March 18 – No class

March 25 – Weed identification and control in lawns

April 1 – Helpful gardening and landscape math

Register by calling 308-532-2683 by Monday, Jan. 21. Arrive at 6:15 p.m. CST.

Registration for entire series to become a Master Gardener is \$150. Fee includes books, dues, shirt and name badge.

Twenty hours of volunteer service will need to be completed in 2014. This requirement is easily reached by participating in the group's activities as well as approved individual activities.

Returning and lapsed Master Gardeners who have completed the initial first-year training may attend all of the 2014 programs for an individual one-time fee of \$15. Twenty hours of volunteer service and attendance at classes is required to retain certification.