Become an OSU Master Gardener

_Hardin County_ – Do you have an interest in gardening, want to improve your skills, and at the same time, enjoy sharing your knowledge with others? The Hardin County OSU Extension Master Gardeners will partner with Allen County OSU Extension Master Gardeners to host a Master Gardener Volunteer training course for new Master Gardener Volunteers this spring.

The classes will begin March 8 and end April 26, with participation in an all-day Master Gardener Seminar, ‘The Art of Gardening’ on March 19. The classes will meet at OSU-Lima on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-9:00 pm. There will be an orientation to the Master Gardener Volunteer program that will take place in Hardin County for local residents. The cost for the course is $150, which includes a Master Gardener Volunteer manual, course handouts, and class refreshments. The fee also covers expenses to bring in guest speakers who are experts in their fields. Prospective Master Gardener Volunteers will also need to get fingerprinted for a background check at their own expense.

The Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program provides intensive training in horticulture to interested Ohio residents who then volunteer their time assisting with educational programs and activities for Ohio residents through their local Ohio State University Extension county office. Volunteers are not required to have gardening skills or knowledge; but a passion for learning about gardening and sharing this knowledge with others is a must!

Working with county Extension personnel and a local Volunteer Coordinator, Master Gardener Volunteers provide such educational services to their communities as: answering gardening questions from the public; conducting plant clinics; gardening activities with children, senior
citizens, or disabled persons; beautifying the community; developing community or demonstration gardens; and other horticultural activities.

For more information about the Hardin County OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, visit their Facebook page. Go to mastergardener.osu.edu to find out more about OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. You can also call the Hardin County Extension office at (419) 674-2297 or email Dave McPheron (plantman12@windstream.net) for more information and to obtain an enrollment form.