

# Benton County Master Gardener™ Association

## Associate Membership Application

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*Read both pages of this application in full, fill out both pages, including your signature on page 2, and return with \$10 annual dues payment. Make check payable to BCMGA. Mail application and payment to BCMGA, 5060 SW Philomath Blvd., #197, Corvallis, OR 97333.*

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**Associate membership in the Benton County Master Gardener Association (BCMGA)** is available to interested community members who are not Master Gardeners but wish to support and further the objectives and mission of the association.

- As an Associate member you will receive the BCMGA newsletter, be invited to select BCMGA events, and be included in the annual BCMGA directory.
- Associate members shall pay dues annually and must be 18 years of age or older.
- This membership category is not open to trained Master Gardeners.
- This membership category does not provide access to the formal Master Gardener training classes.
- Associate members are not OSU Extension volunteers or Oregon Master Gardener Association members and are not covered by OSU Extension or the Oregon Master Gardener Association insurance policies.
- Associate members may not present themselves as trained Master Gardeners, give horticultural /gardening advice to the public, or work with children or vulnerable adults as BCMGA volunteers.

Name (as you would like it to appear the directory):

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City ZIP Code

What contact information would you like in the BCMGA directory? Check all that apply:

\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_ Email \_\_\_ Street \_\_\_ City \_\_\_ ZIP Code

Briefly describe your gardening experience, gardening interests/strengths, and goals for joining BCMGA.

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## Associate Member Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct shall guide behavior of Associate members of the Benton County Master Gardener™ Association (from here on known as BCMGA). The primary purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all BCMGA participants and to protect the integrity and reputation of BCMGA, OSU Master Gardener Program, and OSU Extension Service.

When acting as an Associate member of BCMGA, I will:

- Conduct myself with professionalism, dignity, courtesy, and appropriate behavior in accordance with BCMGA Policies and Procedures and comply with instructions and guidance of Master Gardener members;
- Promote and support the activities and programs of the BCMGA;
- Comply with equal opportunity, anti-harassment, and anti-discrimination laws;
- Be responsible for evaluating my own physical capabilities and participate only in those activities that are suitable for me; and
- Use garden tools and equipment and operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a responsible manner when working at any BCMGA activity.

Some BCMGA activities are governed by OSU Extension and the OSU Master Gardener program and are only open to Master Gardeners. See the list below.

BCMGA Activities Open to All (Associate members welcome to participate)	OSU Master Gardener Activities (Associate members may not participate)
Demonstration Garden at Benton Co. Fairgrounds	Community Gardening Education Team
Entrance Garden at Benton Co. Fairgrounds	Farmers Market & Pop-Up Plant Clinics
Gearing Up for Gardening	Help Desk at OSU Extension Office
Hospitality	Plant Problem Scenarios
Insights Into Gardening	School Gardens
Outreach	Mentoring
Plant Sale	
Membership Meetings and Tours	

***I have read and understand the Code of Conduct outlined above. I understand and agree that any action on my part that contradicts any portion of this Code of Conduct is grounds for the suspension and/or termination of my associate membership with the Benton County Master Gardener Association.***

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Keep a copy of your signed application for reference.***