2010 Master Gardener Volunteer Application for Cumberland County Residents Only

This application is available on the Master Gardener website (which will allow on-line submission):
www.umaine.edu/umcecumberland/ccmg/

I wish to become a University of Maine Master Gardener Volunteer. **I understand that I must attend at least 80% of the 16 sessions, and complete a minimum of 40 hours-approved volunteer work to become certified as a Master Gardener.**

If I am accepted as a Master Gardener trainee, I will abide by all regulations and recommendations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. I understand that as a Master Gardener, I am considered a volunteer representative of the University of Maine.

Signature_____Date_____

Name (please print)_____

Mailing Address _____

City/Town_____State_____ Zip_____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Participants not willing/able to complete 40 hours of volunteer service within a 12-month period following training should not apply for the Master Gardener Program

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1. How did you learn about the UMaine Extension Master Gardener Program?

2. Have you ever participated in a Master Gardener Program in Maine or another state?

☐Yes ☐No If yes, indicate where and in what year(s). 19____ 20____

3. Have you ever applied for the Master Gardener training in Cumberland County?

☐Yes ☐No

4. How many years of gardening experience do you have?

☐ under 1 ☐ between 1-5 years ☐ between 5-10years ☐ over 10 years

5. Are you knowledgeable in growing any of the following? Please check any that apply.

☐House plants	☐Herbs	☐Turf
☐Vegetables	☐Annual flowers	☐Shrubs
☐Tree fruits	☐Perennial flowers	☐Ground covers
☐Berries	☐Ornamental trees	

☐Other (specify)

6. Briefly list any horticultural training you have received (formal and/or informal).

Example:

- *I took a home-landscaping course through adult education.*
- *I attended several workshops at Maine Garden Day 2002 and 2004*
- *I have participated in horticulture classes at a local Community College*

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7. Are you affiliated with any gardening clubs or horticulture-related groups?

____☐ Yes ____☐ No If yes, please briefly specify.

8. Why do you wish to become a Master Gardener Volunteer?
(Really think about this question and respond accordingly)

9. In what ways do you think you might apply the knowledge and skills gained from this Master Gardener training?

10. What type(s) of volunteer work have you done? Briefly describe your history as a volunteer. Consider areas such as school, Red Cross, youth sports, scouting, 4-H, public committees, non-profit work, church, or service groups.

	Volunteer Type	Frequency	Estimated Dates
Ex.	*Nursing Home Volunteer*	*2 hrs week*	*Jan. 2000 - present*

11. Check the skills you are good at:

- ☐ Working with Children
- ☐ Working with elderly
- ☐ People Skills
- ☐ Public speaking
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Teaching
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Writing
- ☐ Carpentry
- ☐ Office Work
- ☐ Management
- ☐ Computer
- ☐ Garden design
- ☐ Working with disabled people

☐ Other (please specify) _____

☐ I have included the required letter of reference (limit one/applicant; not from a spouse or family member)

Please feel free to attach extra pages to this application as needed. Include your name on attachments.

Complete and return this form to:

UMaine Extension - Cumberland County/MG Program
PO Box 9300
Portland, ME 04104-9300

Print Form

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, December 18, 2009

Applications will be accepted on this day until 4:30 p.m.