



**VEGETABLE  
SPECIALIST**

# TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
**Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist Training  
#2**

Hosted by Bexar County – San Antonio  
(210) 631-0400

Training Location  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
3355 Cherry Ridge, Ste. 208, San Antonio, TX 78230-4818  
September 4, 2018 (Tuesday) – September 5, 2018 (Wednesday)

Field Day: September 6, 2018 @ San Antonio Botanical Garden  
555 Funston Place, San Antonio, TX 78209

## **Specialist Program Purpose**

To provide advanced training whereby Master Gardeners Extension Volunteers can obtain specialization in areas that support or expand designed programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

## **Goal of Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist**

In an effort to provide training, the Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist training was created as an intensive multi-day training that will empower Master Gardener Extension Volunteers with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service educational outreach program efforts.

Master Gardeners who fulfill specified training and volunteer requirements will be recognized as a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service–Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist. This certification does not empower the individual with supervisory or administrative authority within his/her local county programs.

## **Vegetable Training Requirements**

To be eligible for the Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist training and certification, an individual must possess an up-to-date Master Gardener certification, or be an employee of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. The Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist Training application must be approved by their local County Extension Agent.

## **Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist**

The Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist program is designed to train and certify Master Gardeners to become part of a state corps of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Vegetable Specialist educators. To become a certified Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist, Master Gardeners are required to attend the Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist training to fulfill training requirements and subsequently meet service requirements described below. Training activities during the course will empower Master Gardeners to complete these service requirements.

## **Time Commitment**

In order to be recognized as a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service–Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist, the Master Gardener Extension Volunteer is required to complete a minimum of 20 designated service hours within one year of completing this training. Thereafter, they should be a “go-to” person in their County’s program in support for this subject matter. The Master Gardener will be formally recognized at the annual Texas Master Gardener Conference at which time they will be awarded a Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist Certificate and a vegetable pin.

## **Resources Available to Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist**

- Vegetable Training and Networking with Presentors
- Educational Materials on Vegetables
- Direct Access to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- Pocket loupe for insect ID

## **Submit Your Application with Payment**

Application and payment (payable to **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service # 218310-60003**) must be in our office by **August 15, 2018**. Cancellations will incur a \$100.00 surcharge.

## **Cost**

Application fee of \$200 per person includes:

- Vegetable resources and various related material
- Two lunches and one dinner
- Snacks, drinks, and other goodies will be provided each day

## **Travel**

Applicants will need to provide their own travel and hotel arrangements. **Dress appropriately for outdoor activities on the Thursday’s Field Day (i.e. hat, close-toed shoes (mandatory), and sunglasses).**

For more information, contact Denise Perez at (210) 631-0400 or email David Rodriguez, County Extension Agent-Horticulturist at [dhrodriguez@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:dhrodriguez@ag.tamu.edu)

Hotels within walking distance to  
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3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208  
San Antonio, TX 78230-4818  
(210) 631-0400

Embassy Suites by Hilton

San Antonio NW I-10  
7750 Briaridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 340-5421

Marriott Northwest

3233 NW Loop 410  
San Antonio, TX 78213  
(210) 377-3900

