# "Advanced Master Gardener - Plant Propagation" Training Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

#### **Advanced Training Program Purpose:**

The "Advanced Master Gardener – Plant Propagation" program is designed to provide advanced training whereby Master Gardeners can obtain specialization in areas that support or expand designated educational programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

### **Master Gardener Advanced Training: Plant Propagation:**

To become a certified "Advanced Master Gardener – Plant Propagation", Master Gardeners are required to attend the "Advanced Master Gardener – Plant Propagation" training and subsequently meet service requirements described below. This certification does not empower the individual with supervisory or administrative authority within his/her local county programs.

"Advanced Master Gardener – Plant Propagation" training will be comprised of high-quality training including hands-on learning of a variety of propagation techniques: seeding, air-layering, stem cutting, soft and semi-hardwood cuttings, root cutting, bulb chipping, dividing, simple layering grafting and more.

#### **Participation Requirements:**

To be eligible for the "Advanced Master Gardener - Plant Propagation" training, an individual must possess an up-to-date Master Gardener certification, or be an employee of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services. Master Gardener applicants <u>must be approved</u> by their local County Extension Agent.

#### **Position Description and Service Requirements:**

The "Advanced Master Gardener – Plant Propagation" is charged to increase awareness and provide training in plant propagation on a home/neighborhood/community level. Training activities during the course will empower the Master Gardener to complete these service requirements.

Service requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Attend the "Advanced Master Gardener Plant Propagation" training
- Volunteering 20 hours above and beyond the county's current volunteer obligation within one year of the advanced training
- Serving as a local "Advanced Master Gardener Plant Propagation" resource in the Extension program for a minimum of one year
- Assisting in educating Master Gardeners, interns and the public in plant propagation
- Increasing client awareness of plant propagation through presentations, training, and mass media effort (i.e. radio, newspaper, social media, television, and newsletters)
- Submitting a completed "Advanced Master Gardener Plant Propagation" Training Volunteer Report Form as directed
- Optional: Submitting TMGA reimbursement paperwork

#### **Advanced Training Recognition and Certification:**

Upon completion of the "Advanced Master Gardener - Plant Propagation" training and service requirements, the Master Gardener will be awarded an "Advanced Master Gardener – Plant Propagation" certificate and lapel pin.

## Resources Available to "Advanced Master Gardener - Plant Propagation":

- Advanced plant propagation training and networking with presenters
- Educational materials on plant propagation
- Direct access to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, County Extension Agent Horticulture