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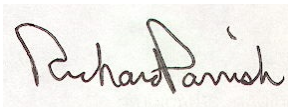
To: All interested in the 2011-2012 Master Gardener Class,

I am excited about the role Master Gardeners are playing in the improvement of Hays County in our home landscapes, gardens, historic buildings, schools and community garden plots. In responding to personal and business needs in landscaping, disease and insect problems, and through volunteer work assisting at the Extension Office. Through the Master Gardener program, you will have the opportunity to attend state and national Master Gardener activities and technical training. I am excited about your interest in joining this great group of people. We will have fun and learn through lectures, tours, hands on activities and by sharing our own knowledge with each other.

The training class of 2011- 2012 will begin Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at the Hays County Extension Office. Speakers from the horticultural/gardening industry will present programs to expand your gardening knowledge base. Certified Master Gardeners will assist you and educate you through their experiences. Classes will meet during the day from **9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the first & third Wednesday of each month. The course completion date will be May 16, 2012**, which will give us both the fall and spring growing seasons to experience in class. If you can not attend a class, it must be made up at another approved Master Gardener training. Scheduled class dates are September 7, September 21, October 5, October 19, November 2, November 16, December 7, December 21, January 4, 2012, January 18, February 1, February 15, March 7, March 21, April 4, April 18, May 2 and May 16.

The cost of the course is **\$150.00**, which includes the Master Gardener Handbook, a soil analysis and other training material. Please fill out the attached form, so that we can order handbooks and prepare for the class. Payment will be due on the first day of class. **The deadline for all applications is 5:00 p.m. August 17, 2011.**

We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this class. We request that you contact the Hays County Extension Office, (512) 393-2120, as soon as possible to advise us of auxiliary aids or services that you may require.



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Hays County Master Gardener Application

Classes will be held on Wednesdays, beginning September 7, 2011

Application deadline is 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 17, 2011

Payment of \$150.00 will be due the first day of class.

The Master Gardener Training Program is an education/volunteer program conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension designed to increase the availability of horticultural information and extend horticultural projects throughout the community. We are looking for individuals with the time and inclination to fulfill our community service goals.

Instructions: Please print or type and answer all questions as completely as possible.

Name: Last: _____ First: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Day: _____ Night: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail address: _____ Date of Birth: MM/DD: _____

Place of employment: _____

If retired, what was your profession? _____

Will you be able to attend **ALL** Master Gardener Training classes? (Beginning September 7, 2011 through May 16, 2012) Yes _____ No _____

When are you most likely available to volunteer for projects?

Only evenings _____ Only weekends _____ Only during the work week _____ Anytime _____

Total years of gardening experience: _____ Years of gardening in Hays County: _____

Type of gardening experience: _____

Other related experience or training: _____

What is your experience with volunteer or community organizations? _____

Why are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener? _____

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I want to be accepted into the Master Gardener Training Program offered by Texas AgriLife Extension. I understand that in exchange for the training, I will be required to volunteer at least 50 hours of my time to the Hays County Master Gardener Program within one year. I understand that I will become a Certified Texas Master Gardener only after I have completed the training and the required volunteer service.

Signature

Date

Return to: **Hays County Extension Office**
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