



Gift Intention Form

I/we accept the invitation to support the North Carolina Master Gardeners' Endowment.

My total gift amount will be _____

___ A check for the total amount of \$ ___ is enclosed.

___ I would like to charge my entire gift amount.

Card Type: ___ AmEx ___ Discover ___ MC ___ VISA

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

___ A check for \$ _____ as my first payment is enclosed.

A balance of \$ _____ remains on my pledge and will be paid in equal annual installments over the next ___ (1 - 5) years.

___ I will fulfill my pledge through bank draft or payroll deduction (*please see reverse*).

(Print) Name _____

Phone () _____ (day) () _____ (eve.)

Fax _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

About the Program

The North Carolina Master Gardener Program is an educational program of trained volunteers who work in partnership with their county Cooperative Extension offices to extend information in consumer horticulture.

Started in North Carolina in 1979, the program provides gardeners with education in a wide range of horticultural topics. The program also focuses on cultural practices to enhance plant growth and health, and promotion of growing plants to stimulate family and community interaction.

"The Master Gardener program has had a huge impact on our community."

- John Doe, Raleigh, N.C.



"It's hard to imagine a more enthusiastic group that not only has a strong desire to learn, but also a strong desire to share what they have learned with others."

Tony Avent, Owner
Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, N.C.



THE NORTH CAROLINA
**Master
Gardeners'
Endowment**

At Work in Your Community

FEEDING THE HUNGRY:

In Guilford County, Master Gardeners created a half-acre garden for the hungry as well as 35 adjacent community gardens. Produce grown in the gardens is delivered to a local food pantry.



HORTICULTURE AS THERAPY:

At the New Hanover County Arboretum, Master Gardeners work with Extension agents to provide therapeutic horticultural programming for children and adults with disabilities.



CONSERVING NATURAL RESOURCES:

Along with the Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department, Master Gardeners planted the WaterWise Garden at Lake Crabtree.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

Each year the Buncombe County Master Gardeners operate the Flower & Garden Department at the Mountain State Fair, organizing two flower shows, assisting participants with their entries, helping with judging and educating visitors about all areas of gardening.



THE NORTH CAROLINA MASTER GARDENERS' ENDOWMENT will enable friends of the Master Gardener program to provide financial support that will continue excellence in county and state programs. This endowment will provide funds on an annual basis to support a number of program needs, including new print materials and training manuals, Web sites, presentations, lesson plans and pilot projects.

For nearly 30 years, North Carolina Cooperative Extension has provided support to Master Gardeners in 87 counties from Murphy to Manteo.

The North Carolina Master Gardeners' Endowment is a fund that will be held in perpetuity so that it can be invested. Only the investment income from the account will be utilized to provide programmatic funding on an annual basis. An advisory board called "Friends of the North Carolina Masters Gardeners" will accept proposals and make recommendations on the use of the annual funds. The endowment will be housed in and managed by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service Foundation, an entity of the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc. All contributions are tax-deductible and will be utilized solely for the Master Gardener program. *Sentence here about picture.*



In North Carolina, there are more than 4,000 Master Gardener volunteers in 87 counties – and growing!

Under the guidance of Extension agents, Master Gardener volunteers must complete a training program, pass an examination and contribute a minimum of 40 hours per year (20 hours in subsequent years) through the local Cooperative Extension center.

Master Gardener volunteers conduct plant clinics, construct demonstration gardens and talk with community groups, among many other activities.

Please make checks payable to the North Carolina Master Gardeners' Endowment. You will receive an NC State receipt for your contribution and reminders if you have made a pledge.

Send to: NC Cooperative Extension Service Foundation, NC State Box 7645, Raleigh, NC, 27695

If you would like to make a gift of appreciated securities, pledge your gift through automatic deduction or have any questions, please contact Sharon Rowland at (919) 515-9267 or sharon_rowland@ncsu.edu.

To give online, visit <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/givenow> (search "NC Master Gardeners").



By the Numbers

IN 2006, NORTH CAROLINA MASTER GARDENERS ...

... logged more than 190,000 volunteer hours, at a value of \$3.8 million

... participated in more than 1,500 educational exhibits reaching a half-million people

... delivered nearly 2,000 programs to groups across the state

... conducted nearly 500 school programs, reaching about 22,000 youth

... helped build 250 demonstration gardens and 97 school gardens

