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## **2012 MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

The Master Gardener Volunteer Program has made important contributions to Catawba County Homeowners and the gardening public since it began in 1983. The N.C. Cooperative Extension Service is looking for good gardeners willing to help continue this program!

A participant in the program will receive more than 50 hours of horticultural training by Kelly Grove, Environment & Natural Resources Agent. Other professionals have also been scheduled to present classes and demonstrations.

Deadline for registration is Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

At the end of the training period, a written exam will be given. Upon successful completion of the exam and 40 hours of volunteer service, a participant becomes a certified Master Gardener Volunteer. The cost for the Master Gardener Volunteer Manual and other materials is \$100.00. The first class will be on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

If you would like to become a Master Gardener Volunteer or would like more information, call the Cooperative Extension Service at 828-465-8240 or visit <http://catawba.ces.ncsu.edu>.