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Dear Prospective Master Gardener:

Thank you for interest in the Master Gardener (MG) program. Master Gardeners are trained volunteer educators, who work on behalf of Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) to promote scientific, research-based, and environmentally sound horticultural practices in our community. The primary focus of this program is to extend VCE horticulture education programs into the communities we serve through the efforts of volunteers who live in those communities. We teach others how to garden more successfully and more responsibly with respect for the environment. The program is great because it combines two things we love - our community and gardening.

Our training classes typically start in March of every year. Registration for the next training class will open in February of 2024. Our educational model for the training class is a hybrid program. New trainees complete online learning objectives and then we meet in person for a "lab" that will further enforce the information learned from the online portion. Class size is limited so be sure to sign up early to secure your spot.

Our Danville Master Gardeners have found the training class an extremely valuable experience that changed their gardening practices in a positive way. For us, it has helped us understand why things we were trying did, or did not, work. Having good, sound knowledge helped us avoid mistakes. If you have any questions or gardening friends and family who might be interested in this program, please feel free to share this information or have them call one of us.

We hope you will consider joining us next year,

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