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The Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension office is currently accepting applications for the 2024 Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Program. The program runs from February 21st to May 22nd on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Clayton Hutcheson Agricultural Complex (559 N Military Trail, West Palm Beach).

Participants will delve into various South Florida horticulture-related topics, including botany, soils, plant pathology, entomology, vegetable gardening, plant identification, and more. Topics are taught by various UF/IFAS Faculty and seasoned Master Gardener Volunteers. The training fee of \$220 includes textbooks and necessary materials.

To become a Master Gardener volunteer, you need an interest in gardening, a willingness to learn, and a commitment to assisting others on their horticulture learning journey. New volunteers are expected to contribute 75 hours of volunteer time during their first year of certification. In subsequent years, annual Master Gardener certification renewals require 10 professional development learning hours (we provide these opportunities) and 35 volunteer hours/year, in addition to adhering to volunteer policies.

As class size is limited, reach out today via phone at (561)233-1759 or email at MasterGardener@pbcgov.org to learn how you can become part of the Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Program!

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