

Master Gardener class to begin in early January

SPECIAL TO THE HENDERSON NEWS

The local office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will begin a new class for people wanting to become involved in the Master Gardener Program. Weekly classes will be held from 1 to 4:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, January 8 and will run through the end of March or first part of April.

Master Gardeners are members of the local community who take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens. They are enthusiastic, willing to learn and help others, and able to communicate with

diverse groups of people.

What really sets Master Gardeners apart from other home gardeners is their special training in horticulture. Master Gardener interns will receive training in plant propagation, ornamental plant selection, rose propagation and pruning, shade tree selection, entomology, plant pathology, turfgrass management, vegetable production, fruit and nut production, and grafting.

Classes are taught by professors and extension agents, trained Master Gardeners, and other experts in the horticultural, and agricultural

fields.

In addition to the formal classroom trainings, several field trips will be made to nurseries, university arboreta, and other horticulture related venues. In exchange for their training, anyone who becomes a Master Gardener contributes time as a volunteer, working through their Extension office to provide horticultural-related information to their communities.

The cost of the program is \$100 which includes all the course materials and training fees. For more information or to enroll, contact the Extension office at (903)657-0376.