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Aloha Community Member,
Thank you for your interest in the University of Hawaii Master Gardener (UH MG) Program on O‘ahu! The 2012 training course is scheduled to meet every Friday (except holidays), 9AM -12PM from January – May 2012.

Please read the Policies and Procedures document carefully before confirming your interest with us. This program depends on your volunteer commitment to fulfill our mission. If accepted into the program as a volunteer of the University of Hawaii Master Gardener Program, you will be expected to sign a contract to fulfill 50 volunteer hours toward this program within the first year of completing the training course.

In exchange for volunteer hours, Master Gardeners receive a minimum of 42 hours of tropical horticultural training provided by University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (UH CTAHR) faculty, Extension Specialists, County Extension Agents and recognized horticultural leaders in the community. Extension Master Gardeners experience the camaraderie of learning and working with experienced gardeners.

Your commitment includes:

- Attendance to all scheduled training sessions
- Achievement of 80% or higher cumulative average on all exams (total of 3 exams)
- Completion of class project
- Signed contract agreement to serve 50 hours to the O‘ahu Master Gardener Program within your first year of completing the training course.
- Course fee for materials and UH Master Gardener Manual is $120.00

The Master Gardener application process involves:
1) Return your completed application (please confirm your interest with us, we send out applications to those interested in November 2011)
2) We will contact you to schedule an in-person interview to assess your interest of the program and to offer you time to ask questions of us about the opportunities in the UH Master Gardener program.
3) After the interview process is complete, we contact you in January of your acceptance.
4) Enrollment is limited and decisions of your acceptance are made by assessing the needs of the O‘ahu Master Gardener Program.

To confirm your interest, please send your contact information (full name, mailing address, and phone number) to grzebik@hawaii.edu or call Jayme at 453-6059. Thank you again for your interest. We are excited to meet with you!

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