November 7, 2012

Aloha Community Member,
Thank you for your interest in the University of Hawaii Master Gardener (UH MG) Program on O’ahu! The 2013 UH MG training course closed applications on November 7, 2012. The 2014-2015 training course is scheduled to meet every Friday (except holidays), 9AM -12PM from January 2014 – May 2014.

Please read through this invitation 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 with us to fulfill 50 volunteer hours toward this program within the first year of completing the training course (June 2014-May 2015).

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 TBD

The Master Gardener application process involves:
1) Please confirm your interest with us after reading through this invitation. We send out applications to those listed in our database in October 2013.
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 December 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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