



Extension Snapshot

TEAM CONCEPT...Together Everyone Achieves More!

While most recognize the TEAM concept with athletics, it also applies to the Master Gardener program. The TEAM concept provides an opportunity for area Master Gardeners to gain knowledge utilizing the talents of peers in neighboring counties, work with area residents, partner with area agencies, and team up for impact. We grow stronger when we are together.



Garden Walk

Teams of Master Gardeners gathered throughout the Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit this summer to share produce with area food banks and churches. Master Gardeners answered letters, emails, and phone calls for area residents. A Facebook Group of "Plant Detectives" is growing in numbers to utilize high-tech resources and help area residents with horticultural inquiries.

Master Gardeners teamed up with area organizations offering innovative presentations and workshops that combine recreation and education, including garden walks and Tazewell's PLANT BINGO.



Plant Bingo



Leaf Cast Workshop

Area Master Gardeners gain knowledge from their peers in neighboring counties. This fall Master Gardeners gathered seeds of knowledge at workshops on weeds, leaf casting, pumpkins, organics, and more. Several wiener roasts helped round out the month with multi-generational events held for Junior Master Gardeners and their families. These programs hit a "HOME RUN" and clearly shows impact when an attendee takes the information and shares it with another.

A talented TEAM of presenters and volunteers will work together to present the 2012 Master Gardener training classes planned for **Tuesdays from January 17 through April 3, 2012** at the Extension office in Pekin. If you are interested in finding out about this program now is the time to apply.

As we pause to offer THANKS this month, we acknowledge the valuable TEAM of MASTER GARDENER volunteers who share their time, energy, and talent to "Help Others Learn to Grow".

For more information about the Master Gardener programs in the Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Extension unit, please go to <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/mg/> or contact Rhonda Ferree, extension educator in horticulture (ferreer@illinois.edu), or Julia Pryor, program coordinator (jpryor@illinois.edu).

