

Master Gardener Ranks Increase

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) — The ranks of the Penn State Master Gardener Volunteers, available to assist interested individuals and groups with information on home horticulture, has been increased with the December 14 conclusion of the latest training program.

Representing Adams County in the tri-county (Franklin-Adams-York) class of 40 were the following: Ann Radcliff, Biglerville; G.G. Lilly, Hanover; Lisa T.

O'Brien, York Springs; Thomas Wajda, Fairfield; Sharron Michels, Gettysburg; Carol Heiser, Gettysburg; and Carol J. Morton, Fairfield.

Working under the direction of Thomas E. Piper, Adams County extension director, these volunteers will merge with some 15 Master Gardener volunteers who remain active in the program which dates back to 1990 when Robert McConkey of Gettysburg and Samuel Sanders of Hanover became the first to be certified for

this work in Adams County.

Master gardeners are volunteers who support Penn State Cooperative Extension's educational programs in consumer horticulture. Trainees have expressed dedication and willingness to provide a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer service for Penn State Cooperative Extension.

Master gardeners have one year from the end of training to complete the volunteer requirement. Information presented by Master

Gardeners must be consistent with Penn State Cooperative Extension recommendations concerning various aspects of consumer horticulture.

Master Gardener candidates have strong interest and knowledge in horticulture as evidenced by scoring a minimum of 80 percent on a final exam. They possess ability to communicate effectively and diplomatically with others either by telephone, personal contact, group contact, and/or in writing. They are willing to support

Penn State Cooperative Extension staff by providing extension audiences with up-to-date consumer horticulture information.

In Adams County, Robert McConkey serves as liaison between the group and Thomas E. Piper, county extension director. Monthly meetings are held to plan and coordinate events. Questions about the Master Gardener program or requests for assistance should be made to the Adams County extension office at (717) 334-6271 or (717) 624-4525.



Adams County's newest master gardener volunteers are, front row, from left, Ann Radcliff, Biglerville; G.G. Lilly, Hanover; and Lisa T. O'Brien, York Springs. Back row, from left, Thomas Wajda, Fairfield; Sharron Michels, Gettysburg; Carol Heiser, Gettysburg; and Carol J. Morton, Fairfield. Part of a class of 40 gardeners from the Franklin, Adams, and York area, which completed a 15-week course of instruction on December 14, the gardeners will fulfill a period of volunteer service, working as part of the Penn State extension program outreach throughout the county.

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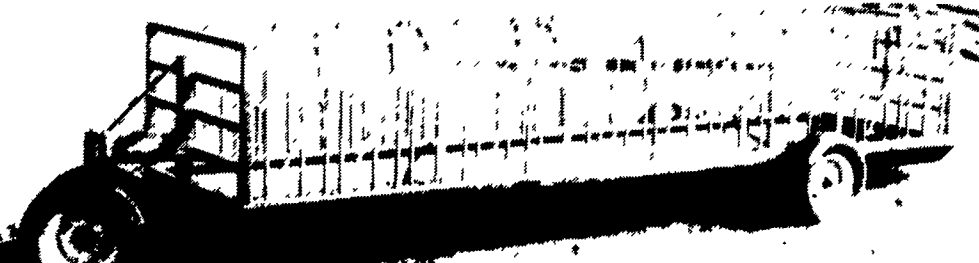
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