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### Last Call for Master Gardener Class

For the past several years, most of our Master Gardener Classes have all been conducted during the day. During that time I have heard many say they would like to take the course if only it were offered in the evening. Well for those folks who can't take time off from work or from other daytime duties, this is your chance. We are preparing to start the next Master Gardener Course and all the classes will be taught in the evening from 4:00 till 8:00 p.m.

Our 2006 Master Gardener Course will begin on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and will run for ten weeks, meeting one day per week on Thursday evenings. All the classes will be taught at the Sylacauga Chamber of Commerce Building behind the Sylacauga Post Office. Applications are available at the County Extension Office in Rockford or by calling 256-377-4713.

There is a registration fee of \$75 which covers a Master Gardener Notebook, snacks and all the class handouts. The course will cover a broad range of horticultural topics such as soil fertility, plant propagation, vegetable production, fruit culture, plant diseases and insect pests, home lawns and landscaping and much more. Those who complete 40 hours of volunteer service to their community will be certified as Master Gardeners. Volunteer hours are very flexible and may include service at schools, churches, neighborhoods, helping with youth groups such as Junior Master Gardeners, 4-H Clubs, and others.

It may be several years before another class is offered in the evenings, so if this is important to you, now would be a good time to take the course. Also there is a strong chance that the course registration fees will increase next year. The registration deadline is August 10<sup>th</sup>, so call now and find out how you can take advantage of this great training program and happy gardening!