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Conway, SC — December 8, 2017 — Clemson Cooperative Extension Service has begun the process of developing the spring Master Gardener program in Horry County. The Master Gardener program gives gardeners intensive education in horticultural principles. Participates who complete the program are certified Master Gardeners.

After receiving 40 hours of training and passing a final examination, newly certified Master Gardeners are expected to serve 40 volunteer hours in their communities or assisting their local county Extension office. Master Gardeners can serve their time by answering horticulture calls at the Extension office, speaking to garden clubs and civic clubs, working with youth or senior citizen's groups or assisting communities with beautification projects.

The Horry County training classes will begin February 1, 2018 and end May 3, 2018. Classes will meet weekly for 14 weeks from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., Thursday mornings at the Horry County Extension office located in the Horry County Agricultural Building, 1949 Industrial Park Road, Conway, SC. The cost for the class is three hundred dollars (\$300.00). The class will be limited in size. Those who are interested can register online at:

https://secure.touchnet.net/C20569_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=2045&SINGLESTORE=true.

Further information on the Clemson Extension Master Gardener program can be found at www.clemson.edu/extension/mg/ or by contacting the Horry County Extension Office at 843-365-6715 or 843-234-7713.

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