

Directions for Sowing the Bud Sprout Mentor Program

The Bud Sprout Mentor Program is a mentor opportunity for Certified Big Spring Master Gardeners to welcome and orient new Intern Master Gardeners to the Master Gardener Program. Bud Sprout preparation usually starts after the initial orientation of the Sprouts. Certified MG volunteers then have the responsibility of taking care of a Sprout through harvest or the graduation process.

Preparation:

- *Sprout applications have been matched via similar interests, location and needs to the Bud volunteers (Buds may have more than one Sprout).*
- Send a letter or call your Sprouts when the class starts.
- Make sure Sprouts have directions to the class.
- Ask Sprouts if they have any questions or concerns about the program.

Planting:

- Offer to help Sprouts with questions about class work.
- Work together with other Buds and Sprouts to create study groups.

Maintenance:

- Invite Sprouts to group meetings, project workdays or office duty.
- Introduce Sprouts to Extension staff and other Master Gardeners.

Harvest:

- Support your Sprouts to complete the certification process.
- Invite them to CEU opportunities and volunteer opportunities.

Enjoy your blooming relationships
and fertilizing volunteer participation!

