

MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER CHECKLIST

*There are many volunteer activities available to GGMGA members to help educate and assist the people and communities we serve. Every member's participation is important to the ongoing success and impact of the GGMGA organization. Please take a few moments to review the list below and check off the volunteer activities in which you would like to participate over the next year. Please return this form, along with your GGMGA Membership Renewal Form and check, to:
Bonnie Jilek, 4 Hidden Fawn Place, Simpsonville, SC 29680*

Your Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

- Ask-a-Master Gardener:** Ask-a-Master Gardener: Earn ES hours participating in AAMG events (Farmers Markets, Home & Garden Shows, community festivals). Educate public on GGMGA and garden-related topics using available resources. Mentoring opportunities available.
- Butterfly Garden:** Work in the garden every Tuesday (9:00-noon), weather permitting, to maintain the look of the garden. On occasion, talk to the public about the plants and butterflies in the garden. Explain butterfly life cycles, discuss host & nectar plants, and help with children's activities.
- Community Gardens:** Mentoring opportunities to provide advice and educational support for gardening-related questions that the community gardens might have and to refer community gardens to the GGMG Speakers Bureau for educational presentations for their members. Mentors are not expected to manage the garden or provide manual labor on an ongoing basis to the garden.
- Day Programs:** Plan and implement educational programs, including: generate publicity, schedule speakers, coordinate event, site preparation, set-up, and audio/visual needs. There are four Day Programs (1st Wednesday in Oct, Nov, March and April)
- Evening Programs:** Prepare and bring light refreshments; pick up coffee for event; greet members at sign-in table; help with set-up and clean-up of room. (6 events/year)
- Extension Office Phones:** Volunteering in the Extension Office with another Master Gardener on Mondays or Fridays in the morning or the afternoon. Volunteers respond to questions that are called in to the extension office and to the public who visit the Extension Office. Volunteers use the multiple resources and references that are available in the Extension Office.
- Field Trips:** Plan and coordinate places to visit of interest to the organization.
- Grants:** Review/evaluate grant applications; participate in site visits; assist in selecting grant winners and determining amounts of grant funds; help plan/execute awards ceremony. (1-3 hours every few weeks, Sept. thru Nov.)
- Heritage and Herb Gardens:** Help maintain the gardens at Roper Mountain (Monday & Friday, 9:00-noon) while enjoying the company of fellow Master Gardeners; participate in 2nd Sat. events—maintain gardens, greet visitors, answer questions.
- Junior Master Gardener:** Teach or assist students (ages 8-11) with activities on selected topics of the JMG curriculum. Indoor activities are held in an air-conditioned classroom; outdoor activities require walking around the various sites at Roper Mountain Science Center. Chaperones for one field trip each week are also needed.
- Lecture Series:** Give a presentation to Lecture Series attendees (at the Extension Office classroom) and answer questions. Presentation time is 2 hours and topics are pre-selected.
- Linky Stone Children's Garden:** Weed, deadhead, and general maintenance on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM. We offer tours and activity sessions with local school groups, when requested.
- Newsletter:** Research and write articles on one or more topics.
- Photographer:** Working with a team, take photos at GGMGA activities for the website, social media and newsletter. Upload photos to GGMGA Google photo page and briefly describe events.
- Plant Sale Planning Committee:** Participate in monthly evening meetings to help plan, promote, set up, and conduct the annual spring plant sale. Participate in Plant Digs throughout the year.
- Rent-a-Master Gardener:** Attend site visits at clients' homes with small group of Master Gardeners, take notes, and send recommendations for improvement of landscape to team leader, who will then send a report to the client.
- Scholarship Committee:** Plan how to allot money from the E.C., e.g., college scholarships, Jr. MG scholarships, MG training class scholarships, scholarships for symposium attendance, etc., and put the plans into effect.
- Speakers Bureau:** Attend speaker training as necessary; develop and /or deliver presentations for garden clubs, libraries, schools and other groups.
- Special Events:** Help plan, set up, and clean up for any/all of four special events--Kickoff Meeting, Winter Luncheon, and Graduation.
- Symposium Planning Committee:** Participate in monthly evening meetings to plan and execute the Symposium.

Please note that this list is not all-inclusive. If there are activities in which you are interested—but are not listed here—please note them on the back side of this form. Checking a box is not a guarantee that volunteers will be needed for a particular activity.