

**Prince William Master Gardener Volunteer  
2012 Annual Interest Survey**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

**This survey is vital for planning for MG programs for this year** and is being sent to you prior to recertification so that you have time to thoughtfully consider your support of programs this year and consult your calendar. **Please bring this form, and a calendar to Recertification on 1/9/12. If you need a new calendar insert, these will be available that night. Please also save a copy at home as a record of areas of interest and event dates.** We appreciate you continuing to share your energy and expertise with Virginia Cooperative Extension and the VCE-Prince William Master Gardeners!

Please ✓ below

- I want to remain active and I understand this means I must contribute **and** report 20 service hours and 8 hours of continuing education in 2012.
- I do not think that I can remain active in 2012. Please place me on the inactive MG list.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Extension Horticulture Help Desk**

I can help.  
Please ✓ below

Monday thru Friday – two to three hour shifts between **9 am and 5 pm**, at the Extension Office - phone/email/walk-in clients

**Office Tasks**

I can help  
Please ✓ below

Computer tasks: Please **circle** your preferences below:

Producing/updating publications, brochures, Power Point presentations, filing, data entry

Routine office tasks - phone calls, office organization, compiling materials, preparing soil kits

Help on short notice (1 day)

Creating/updating educational displays (computer skills needed)

Grant writing

Website updates

**Master Gardener Training**

I can help  
Please ✓ below

Mentoring new trainees, room helpers, set up - September – December 2012

**Site Visits**

Best management practices provided to clients. May include site evaluations, soil testing, stormwater management and plant recommendations based on client needs

Please ✓ below

**BEST Lawns**-BEST Lawn education program includes a site visit, soil test conducted by Master Gardener volunteer. Staff follows up with w/ research based recommendations on lawn care.

**Partners for Water Quality - Stormwater Management Education Program**

Site visits for HOAs, commercial and non-profit organizations to recommend best practices for stormwater management. Site visits conducted by Master Gardener volunteers and staff

**Community Landscape Consultation**- site visit conducted by Master Gardener volunteer providing site evaluations and plant recommendations. Maintenance tasks are **not** included in this project area, unless it supports a pre-approved educational program.

**Community Gardens Program** – Assisting with requests for community gardens, Master Gardeners and /or Staff conduct site visit, soil testing, assist with developing collaborative programs with VCE staff and other community agencies

**Audubon at Home Ambassador Program** - provides on-site guidance to homeowners in creating native habitat, becoming a certified property. Training for the Audubon Ambassador program will be held 1/25/2012 – McCoy Conference Room – Sudley North – 6:30 – 8pm. Free, register 703-792-7747

## Plant Clinics

MG's serve at local garden centers & Farmers' Markets to provide solutions to gardening/landscape problems.

**\*\*\*Please sign up with clinic coordinators during recertification for specific clinic dates at clinic information tables. Do not sign up for specific dates here\*\*\***

Please ✓ below if you want to be included on emails requesting back ups

### Locations

Southern States – Manassas – Saturdays- 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/19	
Lowe's – Gainesville – Saturdays- 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/19	
Lowe's – Woodbridge – Saturdays- 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/19	
Merrifield Garden Center, Gainesville – Saturdays- 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/19	
Manassas Farmer's Market clinic - 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturdays each month, begins in June	
Dale City Farmer's Market - 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays each month, begins in June	

### Plant a Row

Plant a Row for the Hungry - MG Volunteers collect produce donations at local Farmer's Markets and deliver to local food banks.

**I can co-lead**

Please ✓ below:

**I can help**

Please ✓ below:

**I have a truck**

Please ✓ below

Dale City Farmer's Market collections (Sundays ~ 12:30 - 2:30 pm.)			
Manassas Farmer's Market collections (Thursdays ~ 12:30 – 2 pm)			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in attending a PAR kick-off meeting Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 6:30pm in the Powell's Creek A&B rooms in the McCoart Administration Building, 1 County Complex Ct, Prince William VA 22192			

### Teaching Garden

I can help Please ✓ below

<b>Grass Team</b> Team of Master Gardeners that maintain turf at the Teaching Garden and assist with classes on turf care. Requires mowing on evenings/weekends and help with maintenance of equipment. <b>Team leader needed!</b>	
<b>Compost Team</b> Maintain compost bins, develops practices and programs for utilizing compost at the TG; assist with teaching public class on composting	
<b>Teaching Garden Beautification, Education, Enhancement Committee (TGBEEs)</b> Guides and focuses the mission of the Teaching Garden, attend periodic planning meetings; organizes events, workdays, leader needed.	
<b>Tour guide for Teaching Garden</b> Provides tours for various group requests; clear dates & confirms with office staff and group requesting tour; a printed guide will be available for your use with history, management practices used and facts about each garden bed.	

### Teaching Garden/Bed Leadership/Support

Any time commitment is appreciated!

<b>BED</b>	<b>I can help</b> Please ✓ below	<b>BED</b>	<b>I can help</b> Please ✓ below
Drought tolerant		Four Seasons of Interest bed	
Fairy garden		Rock Garden	
Lavender		Zen Garden	
Mailbox		Study in Pink and Blue	
Woodland – Leadership needed		Children's bed	
Deer Resistant		Bee/Butterfly/Hummingbird	
Cook's garden		Native plants	
Culinary Herbs		White Garden	
Celebration Garden			

## Teaching Garden Workdays

We have regular workdays March thru October. Workdays are Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please ✓ below

I would like to receive info on Saturday workdays 9 am – 12 noon	
I would like to receive info on Tuesday morning Workdays beginning 3/21/12 - 9 am - noon	
I would like to receive info on Thursday evening workdays – 6pm till dark beginning 3/31/12.	

## Other Volunteer Opportunities

Lead  
Please ✓ below

<p><b>Lecturer</b> Public speaking for community events:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>_____ Trees/shrubs _____ Wildlife _____ Native Plants _____ Vegetables _____ Soils _____ Compost _____ Pruning _____ Weeds _____ Diseases _____ Insects _____ Meadows</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>_____ Perennials/annuals/bulbs _____ Pesticides &amp; alternatives _____ Weather/climate _____ Turf _____ Groundcovers _____ Stormwater management _____ Indoor plants _____ IPM _____ Beneficial Insects _____ Water Quality _____ Low Impact practices</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>Your ideas? _____</p>	<p>_____ Trees/shrubs _____ Wildlife _____ Native Plants _____ Vegetables _____ Soils _____ Compost _____ Pruning _____ Weeds _____ Diseases _____ Insects _____ Meadows</p>	<p>_____ Perennials/annuals/bulbs _____ Pesticides &amp; alternatives _____ Weather/climate _____ Turf _____ Groundcovers _____ Stormwater management _____ Indoor plants _____ IPM _____ Beneficial Insects _____ Water Quality _____ Low Impact practices</p>	
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<p><b>Pruning Team</b> Plan, teach or support pruning workshops</p>			
<p><b>YES Team (Youth Education Services)</b> – Participate in various youth activities such as Farm Field Days, Saturday in the Garden Kids activities, 4H Project Day</p>			
<p><b>PW County Fair</b></p>			
<p><b>VCE-MG Library Bulletin Boards</b> Monthly preparation of materials to be sent &amp; displayed in PWC libraries</p>			
<p><b>ACTS Landscaping Project</b> Teach public classes, maintenance, planting at ACTS shelter in Dumfries.</p>			
<p><b>Horticulture Therapy</b> – development of future collaborative programs with other agencies. Leadership needed.</p>			

## Saturdays in the Garden

Monthly educational programs at the Teaching Garden **9:00 am - noon** designed for teaching Best Management Practices with hand-on demonstrations throughout the growing season (April – October 2012).

**Date**                      **I can help**                      **I can teach. Please indicate topic**  
 Please ✓ below

April 14		
May 19		
June 9		
July 14		
August 11		
September 8		
October 13		

<b>Master Gardeners of Prince William</b>	<b>Lead</b> Please ✓ below	<b>Support</b> Please ✓ below
<b>MGPW Program Committee</b> - Assist board members & staff with planning and executing continuing education, field trips		
<b>Basics of Gardening</b> – 3/10/12 Manassas Park Community Center – support needed 2012, leadership needed for 2013.		
<b>MGPW Social Committee</b> -Coordinate and schedule annual picnic, refreshments for meetings, Winter Social		
<b>MGPW Plant Sale –spring and fall 2012</b> at the Teaching Garden. <input type="checkbox"/> I have non-invasive plant material that I can pot for MPGW plant sales		
<b>MGPW “Turnip News” reporters needed</b> write articles for newsletter, seasonal tips		
<input type="checkbox"/> Please send me <b>Master Gardener College</b> info - June 2012 – Blacksburg		
<input type="checkbox"/> I’d like to attend <b>Leadership Training</b> at <i>Master Gardener College</i> June 2012		
<input type="checkbox"/> I want to be considered for advanced training at Master Gardener College 2012 (requires agent approval)		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Virginia Master Gardener Association</b> – please send me more information		

## Collaborative projects

I can help  
Please ✓ below

<b>America Recycles Day</b> PWC Landfill (PWC Dept. of Public Works) – Fall 2012 date TBD	
<b>PWC Historic Preservation Joint Activities</b>	
<b>Invasive removal Day at Rippon Lodge</b> , Saturday, April 14 <sup>th</sup> - 9am – 12 noon with Public Works, and Northern VA Conservation Trust	
<b>History Hunt at Rippon Lodge</b> Saturday, May 5 -11 am - 2 pm MG's will present a 10 minute program repeated to small groups on herbs/vegetables with a historical emphasis.	
<b>Family History Day- Nature Exploration</b> – Saturday, June 9 11am – 4 pm – MG's would present talks and activities on vegetables, insects, trees with a historical emphasis.	
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Harvest Festival</b> - Saturday, September 22 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – MG's will present a series of adult lectures on herbs/vegetables in amphitheater, similar to Harvest Festival at Monticello.	
<b>PWC Landfill Environmental Activities</b> (PWC Dept of Public Works) Plant and amphibian monitoring and data collection. Please indicate if you would like to be notified about this project.	

\_\_\_\_\_ **Your name and address WILL BE included in the VCE-Prince William Master Gardeners Directory which is solely for VCE-MG use UNLESS YOU CHECK HERE.** Please note that your information will not be used for any other purposes other than MG-related business.

\_\_\_\_\_ I need a new MG name badge.

\_\_\_\_\_ I graduated more than 5 years ago and need specific continuing education in 2012. (Required classes: Water Quality, Pest Management Guide, Turf, (2) lab style classes). These will be offered in September-December 2012 as part of MG training class. Please send me a class schedule.

The 2012 Pest Management Guide is available online, at clinics in the clinic boxes, but is available for purchase online also. If you want a copy, please order your own PMG directly from this website <https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/pmgstore.html> Choose “Home Grounds and Animals”. They are \$8 each. **One will be provided to the 2012 MG training class**

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!