

Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer General Role Description (Veteran)

(Must be included as part of the Volunteer Agreement)

ROLE TITLE: Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer

SUPERVISOR: Paul Pugliese, County Extension Coordinator

LOCATION: Bartow County

GOAL OF MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM:

The Master Gardener program in Georgia is a volunteer training program designed to help University of Georgia Cooperative Extension staff transfer research-based information about gardening and related subjects to the public by training home gardeners. Through this program, Cooperative Extension is able to reach out and serve more citizens with educational programming and demonstrations. Master Gardener Extension Volunteers complement, enhance, and support on-going Agriculture and Natural Resources educational programs using applied research and the resources of University of Georgia. The Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Program is a county-based volunteer program designed as an educational program delivery system and teaching resource to assist Cooperative Extension with the main goal of addressing community non-commercial, horticulture and gardening issues and needs.

VOLUNTEER QUALIFICATIONS:

- Available 25 hours during the year for project implementation
- Successful completion of the Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Program Training, examination, and initial 50 hours of volunteer work
- Interest in teaching Georgians about horticulture and gardening
- Basic knowledge of gardening and horticulture preferred
- Enthusiasm
- Ability to communicate with others
- Knowledge of community resources
- Previous volunteer experience a plus

VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Participate in appropriate training, planning, and evaluation sessions, and keep up-to-date on the latest horticulture information.
- Complete a University of Georgia Volunteer Agreement and background screening.
- Provide reliable, unbiased information in accordance with published Cooperative Extension resources.
- Promote awareness of Cooperative Extension.
- Maintain records of volunteer service, including hours volunteered, contributions, and results. Report records to the Agent, coordinator, or other supervisor as directed.

- Wear an official UGA Master Gardener Extension Volunteer nametag while volunteering on behalf of UGA.
- Exercise personal integrity as a volunteer.
- Uphold the policies and follow procedures of the UGA CAES MG Extension Volunteer Program.
- Follow through with completion of educational programs/projects, communicating about problems and successes.
- Identify needs for training and participate as a team member of UGA CAES Extension.
- Participate in approved UGA Extension projects. Indicate on the attached sheet the projects/teams in which you are interested in volunteering.

Approved Projects for Bartow County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers:	
	4-H Environmental Education: Forestry Team, Summer Camp, etc.
	Ask a Master Gardener Clinics (Arbor Day, Rose Lawn Festival, Farmer's Market)
	Bartow Lawn & Garden Seminars/Speaker's Bureau
	Community Garden assistance through education
	Extension Office MGEV Help Desk
	Hamilton Crossing Elementary Garden Club
	In-County Onsite Consultations for Extension Clients
	Mentoring & Hosting Classes for new MGEV Trainees
	MGEV Fundraisers (Selling Roses; Paw Paws; Cookbooks)
	MGEV Program Development Team
	Publicity and Newspaper Columns
	Rose Lawn Museum Demonstration Garden
	School Gardens Committee
	South Central Middle School Jr. Master Gardeners
	Youth Workshops/Day Camps - Playing In The Dirt

TRAINING AND/OR RESOURCES TO BE PROVIDED:

- Master Gardener Extension Volunteer training sessions
- Periodic organizational/educational meetings
- Master Gardener Extension Volunteer reference manuals available for use in office
- Horticulture library in office
- Consultations with Cooperative Extension staff

TIME ESTIMATE:

- Volunteer Service: 25 hours
- Periodic organizational/educational meetings: 1-2 hours per month

BENEFITS:

- Participate in training programs in all aspects of basic horticulture.
- Learn new skills and sharpen old ones.
- Meet and work with other individuals interested in horticulture.
- Receive basic program materials at minimal cost.



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ANNUAL INTENT TO VOLUNTEER

I, _____, am requesting the following status for the _____ year.
____ active status (I intend to volunteer at least 25 hours during this calendar year)
____ inactive status, year 1 (I understand that if I am inactive for a year or more, I will need to complete a new Application for Background Screening.)
____ inactive status, year 2 (I understand that I need to return to active status next year or become alumnus)
____ alumnus/a (I do not wish to continue volunteering as a MGEV.)

MGEV Trainee

Date

Agent

Date