



Virginia Master Gardener Association, Inc.

Membership Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

The Newsletter and Membership Roster will be delivered by email unless postal delivery is requested. _____ (postal delivery)

Please check any committee(s) for which you can volunteer and any skills that you can contribute.

Education Web site skills Communications
 Membership Audit/Finance Newsletter
 Representative to VMGA from your unit

Membership Categories (Please check appropriate category)

Active VCE-MG (Trainees, Interns, Master Gardeners, Emeritus MGs) or **Extension Staff**

- New Active member (\$12 annual dues)
- Renewing Active member (\$12 annual dues)
- Lifetime Active member (\$120 one-time payment, valid as long as you remain an active VCE-MG)

Non-Active

- New Auxiliary member (\$12 annual dues for those who were formerly active VCE-MGs and are no longer contributing hours, but wish to continue to support VMGA; cannot vote or hold office)
- Renewing Auxiliary member (\$12 annual dues)
- Sustaining Member (\$250 or more; for individuals or businesses interested in supporting the work of VMGA, Inc.; cannot vote or hold office)

VCE Unit through which you submit volunteer hours (Extension staff, please note unit where you work):

_____ Year you completed VCE-MG training: _____

Signature _____

MG College Scholarships I would like to add an additional \$_____ to go for MG College scholarships.

This gift is in honor/memory of _____.

Mail this form and your check (for VMGA dues and Scholarship Fund donation) made payable to "VMGA, Inc." to:

Deb Straw, VMGA Membership Chair
249 Snapps Mill Road
Spout Spring, VA 24593
434-352-5024
debstraw@aol.com

****State MG Coordinator Endowment Fund**** Make check payable to *VT Foundation*; add *Account #886119* in memo line. Mail check to "CALs Development Office, 216 Hutcheson Hall (0402), Blacksburg VA 24061."

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About VMGA

The Virginia Master Gardener Association is a state-wide association of Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) Master Gardeners and VCE employees whose mission is to foster communication, education, and fellowship among Master Gardeners, and to give support and input to the state leaders of our program at Virginia Tech. VMGA, a non-profit organization, is guided by elected individuals who have an interest in the issues concerning the Master Gardener volunteer at the state level. While a Master Gardener does not have to belong to VMGA or a local association to be an active VCE Master Gardener, membership in the state association, VMGA, is an important way to show support for the Association's work and to give direct input to VCE in the issues concerning Master Gardeners in Virginia.

What the Virginia Master Gardener Association does for you:

Quality **Education** at a reasonable price. VMGA offers advanced training on timely and varied topics relevant to VCE-MGs, at locations throughout the state.

Support for your unit with information on association organization, speakers, Master Gardener training, and project development and management.

Representation, through the Unit Representative, in decisions concerning Virginia Master Gardeners.

Communication and **Networking** among Virginia Master Gardeners and VCE staff, including on-going communication and semi-annual meetings with VCE and VT leadership; a newsletter (*The VMGA Report*); a web site (www.vmganet.net) containing news, events calendar, links and Educational event information and registration; a membership directory to help you contact Master Gardeners around the state; and bimonthly board meetings where issues concerning the VCE Master Gardener volunteer are discussed. The bimonthly Board meetings are open to any VCE Master Gardener or VCE employee.

Scholarships to Master Gardener College

Through the P. Diane Relf Scholarship Fund, VMGA funds a competitive Master Gardener College scholarship program for VMGA members.

State Master Gardener Coordinator Endowment

VMGA is leading the effort to fund an endowment at Virginia Tech. The purpose of the endowment is to partially fund the position of the state VCE-MG coordinator. Through this action, VMGA is ensuring the future of the Master Gardener program in Virginia.

You, the Master Gardener or VCE employee, offer the Association:

Your **support** as a member of the Association.

Your **ideas** and **expertise** as Virginia Master Gardener volunteers and VCE staff.

Your **time** to make it all work!

"A Voice for Virginia Master Gardeners"