

Why Join?

The professional society...

VMGA is the professional society of VCE-Master Gardener volunteers. Just as some join a professional society associated with a career field, Master Gardeners join VMGA. VMGA shares the mission of professional societies - continuing education, networking and communication.

The voice of Master Gardeners...

VMGA is the voice of Virginia Master Gardeners as the statewide association. Through meetings with VCE and VT leadership, the web site and newsletter, you are kept abreast of news and issues. These vehicles also provide information from other units which will enable you to improve the efforts in your local unit and to enhance your experience as a volunteer.

Because VMGA needs you...

VMGA needs your support. Our voice will be stronger with you as a member.

How to Join

Complete and detach the application. Mail along with your dues to:
Tonya Harper, Membership Chair,
67 Misty Hills Lane
Troutville, VA 24175-7168

The History

Ten years after the first Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) Master Gardeners were trained in 1978 the need for an organization to conduct statewide activities was recognized. In 1985, the Extension Specialist, Extension agents and Master Gardener volunteers worked together to create the Virginia Master Gardener Association, Inc. (VMGA). Since 1990, VMGA has been meeting statewide needs of education, communication and networking.

Through the years, VMGA has lent special support to the VCE Master Gardener effort. VMGA published Tech's state-wide VCE-MG newsletter for a while. When budget issues required it in the early 1990's, VMGA assisted groups with forming local associations which could assume responsibilities for training and management of VCE-MGs. VMGA has led several efforts to inform legislators of the impacts and budget needs of VCE.

In return, VCE and VT leadership have responded to requests from VMGA on behalf of all VCE-MGs. An Extension Specialist with responsibility for VCE-MGs, a state MG Coordinator, Master Gardener College, nametags with the title of "Master Gardener Volunteer," discounted *Pest Management Guides*, and continued interest in our ideas and needs are just some of the support VCE-MGs enjoy from VCE and VT.



Virginia Master Gardener Association, Inc.

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VMGA Membership Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip plus4: _____

Home phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you willing to have your newsletter sent to you electronically? (yes or no)
Please check any committee(s) for which you can volunteer and any skills that you can contribute.

___ Education ___ Web site skills ___ Communications

___ Membership ___ Audit or Finance ___ Newsletter

___ representative to VMGA from your unit

Membership Categories (please check desired category)

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

- New member (\$15 annual dues)
- Renewing member (\$15 annual dues)
- Continuing (\$135 one time payment, as long as active VCE-MG status is maintained)

In-Active VCE-MG

- Auxiliary Member** (\$15 annual dues for those who were formerly active VCE-MGs, are no longer contributing hours, but wish to continue to support VMGA; cannot vote or hold office)
- 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 _____

Education Endowment Fund

I would like to give an additional \$ _____ to go for MG College scholarships. This gift is in honor of _____.

Master Gardener Coordinator Endowment Fund

I would like to give an additional \$ _____ to go to the State Master Gardener Coordinator Endowment. This gift is in honor of _____.

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VMGA Officers meet with VCE and VT leadership to discuss the ideas, concerns and suggestions of *all* Virginia Master Gardeners

VMGA publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, *The VMGA Report*, and hosts a website at www.vmga.net

VMGA provides for continuing education at locations around the state, spring and fall, with early notice and discounted registration for members

VMGA assists local units with local association issues, with project and program information, with web site incubation and with promotion of local continuing education events

VMGA provides for networking through its members at association meetings, Master Gardener College, and at VMGA-sponsored continuing education events.