



Oregon State University
Extension Service
Master Gardener™

2019

Program report

Clackamas, Multnomah, and
Washington counties, Oregon



Thank you!

Your time and energy toward OSU's outreach mission makes an impact in the community. We appreciate your service and support.



Mission statement

We provide research-based information about sustainable gardening and household pests for the public in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties in Oregon.



People in the program

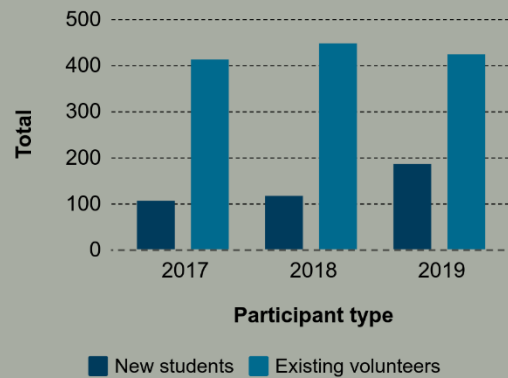
The metro area Master Gardener program is growing

In 2019, we trained 185 students, which is 40% more than just two years ago.

The number of existing volunteers has remained steady with 423 submitting hours in 2019.

Thank you for helping to grow our learning community and service organization.

Participation 2017 - 2019



Welcome to the class of 2019

165

Trainees with
volunteer
commitment

118

Submitted
volunteer
hours (72%)

7,345

Volunteer
hours

20

Certificates
of Home
Horticulture

2019 program highlights

A cohort of 14 students with the US Veterans' Affairs took the training in 2019

In addition to receiving Certificates of Home Horticulture, VA Farm participants took part in MG volunteer activities. We tabled at several VA events, with MGs and military veterans working side by side.

The VA Farm participants also took part in OSU Small Farms classes as part of their program to train new farmers. We expect another cohort from the VA in 2020.



Speakers' Guild, 10-Minute University, and Oregon Food Bank seminars

A group of dedicated MG volunteers made 172 presentations to the community on gardening topics.

Over 6,550 people attended seminars led by MG volunteers at public events and demonstrations gardens and for community groups by request.

Thirty two MG volunteers contributed over 1,000 hours toward Oregon Food Bank's Dig In! and Seed to Supper class series.

Learning and community service

Special recognition

The Master Gardener program team extends a hearty thank you to these volunteers for their extraordinary service in 2019.

Dennis Brown for Speaker's Guild instruction, Solve Pest Problems advisory, June Key Delta, and Voz.

Louise Gomez-Burgess for coordinating the Master Gardener training in Hillsboro.

Claudia Groth for her dedicated instruction for the Master Gardener training and the public.

Sally Campbell for stepping up to instruct at the MG training and years of coordinating Mult. phones.

Rich Becker, assisting Portland MG training, serving as a liaison, and help with with soil workshop.

Marilyn Frankel for volunteering at each class date for BOTH the Clack. and Mult. training and PNWs.

Judy Froemke for her dedication and coordinating Speaker's Guild in Wash. Co. for many years.

Jennesa Datema for coordinating Speaker's Guild in Mult. Co. and making presentations.



Heidi Maybach for coordinating Milwaukie market.

Thank you to our advisors

Jack Lazareck, Rich Becker, Susan Albright, Marilynn Berti, Cindy Manselle, John Wilbur, and Deborah Dineen advise the program through our Liaison Group representing our three MG chapters and MGs-at-large.

Educational contacts and volunteerism

Total educational
contacts

37,816

Oregon
Zoo

8,926+kids

Phone
helplines

4,965

Speakers' Guild/
10-Minute U

6,558

Farmers'
markets

9,063

Other outreach
events

8,304

Volunteerism toward
program activities

18,110 hours
(8.71 FTE)

Telephone helplines, farmers' markets, Oregon Zoo, Speakers' Guild/ 10-Minute University, and other outreach events like International Rose Test Garden, Pittock Mansion, End of the Oregon Trail Museum field trips, are the foundation of OSU's outreach mission. We appreciate your efforts to share research based gardening information with the community.

Focus on phone helplines

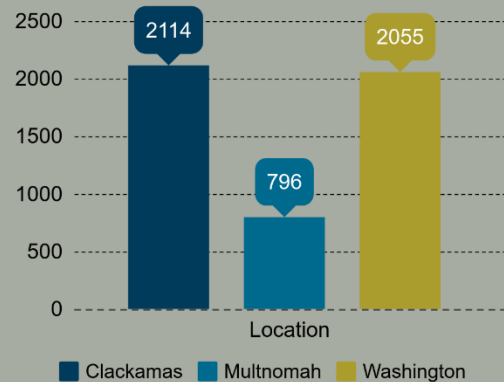
Master Gardeners served 4,965 clients at the Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington locations

The best way to learn about plant problems is to work shifts at the phone helplines.

Volunteers field question, perform research, confer with fellow MGs, and communicate with the client.

We share research based with the general public to help them make informed management decisions.

Phone helpline contacts



Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Chapters

3

Plant sales

Spring Garden Fair
Incredible Edible
Gardenfest

6

Demo gardens

Extra Row, Museum
Mult. Co. Demo, Annex
PCC Rock Cr., Jenkins

3

Non profit groups

Monthly seminar
series and board
service

23,290

Volunteer hours

Toward all chapter
activities combined
(11.20 FTE)



What has gone well

- Master Gardener Chapters provided funding support for reduced-fee slots for students, supplies, rent, parking, books, and more.
- Together, the program and Chapters awarded 26 reduced-fee slots. In 2019, we offered reduced-fee slots to all who applied.
- As a learning community and service organization, we focus on sustainable gardening.



What we can do better

- Working with OSU and Metro to establish adequate, base funding needed to support our hundreds of volunteers.
- Moving to the digital age to track client contacts. We will be trialing new system in 2020.
- Making sure OSU's services are reaching diverse audiences.
- Balancing program and partner hour allocation.

41,365 total
volunteer hours

6,988 hours
cont. ed.

15,393 pounds
produce donated