

# 2014 Historian Report

Master Gardener Association  
Yavapai County

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Susan Tolley, January 2015*

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## **2014 OFFICERS**

### **Executive Board**

President – Betty Loos  
President-elect – Debbie Allen  
Secretary – Faun Vogel  
Treasurer – Trisha Mickelson  
Past President – Bob Gessner



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President Elect – Debbie Allen



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## **2014 YAVAPAI COUNTY MGA OFFICERS & COMITTEES**

12/17/2013

<b>Executive Board</b> President Betty Loos President-Elect Debbie Allen Secretary Faun Vogel Treasurer Tricia Michelson Past President Bob Gessner	<b>Membership</b> Cathy Michener (Chair) Pam Bowman Herdis Maclellan Joan Tyler <b>Mentor Coordinators</b> Tom Konzem Betty Loos	<b>Program/Education</b> Suzette Russi (Prescott)  Toni Coon (Camp Verde) Judy Cowan
<b>Social</b> Terrilyn Green (VV) Jane Grams (VV) Barbara Saul (VV) Shari Dutton (VV) Kathy Sisley (Prescott) Bev Bostrom (Prescott) Karen Brown (Prescott)	<b>Public Relations</b> Steve McIntyre (Chair) Nora Graf (Newsletter) Nirmala McAfee (Facebook) Susan Tolley Georgene Lockwood	<b>Volunteer Projects</b> Mary Barnes (Chair) Sherry Howard (Co-chair) Kathy MacCauley (Supplies) Joy Inman Steve McIntyre Missy Sandeen
<b>Speakers Bureau</b> Angie Mazella (Chair) Paul Schnur Sandy Lundgren Tricia Michelson Tom Watkins	<b>By-Laws</b> Pam Bowman	<b>Historian</b> Susan Tolley



## **2014 MASTER GARDENER CLASS**



Chris Anderson



Diana Atkins



John Baggenstos



Chris Bertrand



Paul Enouen



Deb Grafe



Marti Griggs



Jean Hanshu



Jane Harrington



Jamie Hinman



Tim Hudnall



Maggie Hunt



Marianne Jimenez



Sandi Kelleher



Judy Kennedy





Kristin Lohay



Marilyn Massey



Debbie Mayne



Faralyn Pederson



Faith Roberts



Stephanie Rust



Karen Schrock



Elizabeth Sexton



Lisa Snowden



Teresa Sutera



Robert Wittsell



Carole Young



Jeff Schalaus

## **2014 CALENDAR**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>January, 2014</b>				
Jan 15th	MGA Meeting	Prescott Extension Ofc	6:30pm	Speaker: Bob Gessner - Historical Plants in the Prescott Area
<b>February, 2014</b>				
Feb 19th	MGA Meeting	Superior Court Bldg, Camp Verde	6:30pm	Speaker: Wayne Ranney - Geology of the Verde Valley
<b>March, 2014</b>				
Mar 19th	MGA Meeting	Prescott Extension Ofc	6:30pm	Speaker: Walt Anderson, Prescott College Professor, naturalist, author, artist; "Plant Parenthood, or Do Violets Have Blue Genes?"
<b>April, 2014</b>				
Apr 16th	MGA Meeting	Superior Court Bldg, Camp Verde	6:30pm	Speaker: Doug Tolleson - V-Bar-V Ranch
<b>May, 2014</b>				
May 21st	MGA Meeting	Prescott	6:30pm	Allison Jack, PhD, Prescott College instructor, "Garden Soil Prep"
<b>June, 2014</b>				
June 7th	Mid-year MGA Officer/Chair Meeting	Arizona Highlands Center	9am - 12pm	Mid-year check-point for Officers and committee Chairs
June 11th	Class Welcome	Cottonwood Rec Center	6:30pm	
<b>July, 2014</b>				
July 12th	Monsoon Madness Plant and Yard Sale	Prescott Extension Ofc		
<b>August, 2014</b>				
Aug 20th	MGA Meeting	Superior Court Bldg, Camp Verde	6:30pm	♦Start sign-up for 2015 MGA committees ♦Chris Bernau "It's All About Photosynthesis"
<b>September, 2014</b>				
Sep 17th	MGA Meeting	Prescott Extension Ofc	6:30pm	Wren Meyers, "Farm to School Program"

October, 2014				
Oct 4th	Recognition Picnic	Dead Horse State Park Cottonwood	Noon	
Oct 25th	Arizona Highlands Garden Conference	Prescott Resort		Pre-conference activity on Oct 24th
November, 2014				
Nov 19th	MGA Meeting	Prescott Extension Ofc	6:30pm	♦Election of 2014 Officers♦Bob Gessner & Cathy Palm-Gessner - "Monarch Butterflies 2014"
December, 2014				
January, 2015				
Jan 10th	Officer & Committee Mtg	Prescott Extension Ofc	9:30am	2015 Planning meeting for MGA Officers and all committee memebbers
Sept 12th	Recognition Picnic	Paviallion at Goldwater Lake, Prescott		



## **2014 Results**

<b>Category</b>	<b>2014Results</b>		
<b>General Information</b>	<b>Camp Verde</b>	<b>Prescott</b>	<b>Total</b>
# MGs who reported hours in 2014			176
Total Volunteer hours			14,717.50
Total Continuing Ed hours			1724.75
# MGs who completed 2014 MG class	28		
# MGs certified in 2014 (first 50 hrs)			30
# MGs certified/re-certified (i.e. active status)			148
# MGs reaching Emeritus status			5
# MGs in attendance at monthly MGA meetings	38	51	
# MG Class Welcome attendees	58 (incl 1 guest)		
# Oct. Recognition Picnic attendees	73 (incl 50 MGs)		
<b>Extension Office Support</b>			
# MGs who staffed MG helpline	16	21	37
# MGs who tested soil	2	1	3
# Soil tests performed	33	71	104
# E-mails with MG questions	62	75	137
# Phone calls handled by MGs	335	689	1024
# Site visit made by MGs	0	33	33
# Walk-ins with MG questions	152	456	608
<b>PR Committee Accomplishments</b>	Not Available		

<b>Public-facing Event Projects</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Public Served</b>	
Verde River Growers AlterNATIVE Expo	Apr 12	66	
Unity Church Earthday	Apr 6	38	
Apache Nation Earth Day Celebration	Apr 19	30	
Highlands Ctr Plant Sale Info Table	May 3	70	
Mortimer Outreach Fair	May 10	15	
Prescott Sesquicentennial Celebration	Jun 1	43	
Monsoon Madness Info Table	Jul	42	
Yavapai Fair, Floriculture	Sep 25 - 28	257	
Sedona Farmers Market	Jan to Oct	310	
Prescott Farmers Market	May to Oct	792	
Cornville Farmers Market	Jul to Sep	206	
Camp Verde Farmers Market	Jun to Oct	442	
<b>Total</b>		2311	

<b>Special Projects</b>			
Good Samaritan Girl Scout Landscape Project	May / Jun		
Camp Soaring Eagle vegetable & worm gardens	Oct / Dec		
Prescott Head Start vegetable garden	Aug / Nov		

<b>Speakers Bureau Presentations</b> <i>Dates &amp; topics in separate document</i>	<b># Presentations</b>	<b>Public Served</b>	
	33	775	

<b>On-going Projects</b>			
<b><i>Master Gardeners volunteer on a regular basis at the following:</i></b>			
Native and Naturalized Plant Database			
Veterans Hospital greenhouse & gardens, Prescott			
Sharlot Hall Museum, Prescott			
Immaculate Conception Church			
St John Vianney Church			
Prescot Valley Community Garden			
Prescott YMCA Community Garden			
Chino Valley High School Bulb Garden			
Red Rock Ranger Station			
Sedona Heritage Museum			

## **2014 PROJECTS**

<b>Ongoing Activity</b>	<b>Master Gardener Contact</b>
Cooperative Extension Office – Helpdesk Staffing	Camp Verde: Faun Vogel Prescott: Mary Barnes
Master Gardener Association Newsletter	Nora Graf
Specimen Insects – update/maintain insect boxes	Faun Vogel, Linda Hochman
Veterans Hospital – Prescott (greenhouse maintenance)	Bob Busch
Sharlot Hall Museum, Prescott	Kathy MacCauley
Heritage Museum, Sedona	Jamie Hinman
Seed collecting and packaging for give-away	Sherry Howard
Naturalized and Native Plant Database	Sue Smith
Immaculate Conception Church Landscape Modification (Cottonwood)	Pete Heisinger
St. John Vianney Church Irrigation (Sedona)	Pete Heisinger
Red Rock Ranger Station – Annual Wildflower Display	Maggie Hunt, Judy Kennedy
Camp Soaring Eagle, Cornville (vegetable garden, worm farm)	Sandi Kelleher, Mary Overman
Schools	
Chino Valley High School Bulb Garden	Dede Erceg
Prescott Head Start Vegetable Garden	Scholly Ketcher
Community Gardens	
Prescott Valley Community Garden	David Sawyer
Prescott YMCA Community Garden	Steve McIntyre
Prescott Community Garden	Tricia Michelson

<b>Projects Completed in 2014</b>	<b>Project Dates</b>	<b>Chairs</b>
Rose Pruning, Sharlot Hall Museum, Prescott	March 18th	Kathy MacCauley
Unity Church Earth Day Celebration	April 6th	Faith Roelofs, Sue Smith
AlterNATIVE Plant Festival – Verde River Growers	April 12th	Tana Bourdage-Allman
Apache Nation Earth Day Celebration	April 19th	Linda Kimberly
2014 Master Gardener Class	Nov 13 / May 14	Mary Barnes
Highland Center Plant Sale – Information Table	May 3rd	Sherry Howard
Mortimer Outreach Fair – MG Information Table	May 10th	Sherry Howard
City of Prescott's Sesquicentennial Celebration – MG table	May 31 / June 1	Mary Barnes
Girl Scout - Good Samaritan Landscape Project – Prescott Valley	May / June	Lois Gotfredson, Sandy Lundgren
Monsoon Madness Plant and Yard Sale	July 12th	Christi Armer, Steve McIntyre
Sedona Farmers Market – Information Table	Jan to Oct	Dick Sitts
Camp Verde Farmers Mkt – Information Table	May to Oct	Susan Williams
Prescott Farmers Mkt – Information Table	May to Oct	Scholly Ketcher
Cornville Farmers Market	July to Sept	Linda Kimberly
Yavapai Fair, Floriculture, Prescott Valley	Sep 24th – 28th	Nancy Gibson
2014 Arizona Highlands Garden Conference	October 25, 2014	Karen Austermiller



## **2014 SPEAKERS BUREAU REPORT**

*Submitted by Angela Mazella*

The year ran smoothly with all the various lists and procedures in place that we developed in 2013.

**Training:** We did not hold any formal training sessions this year. New speakers from the new MG class were given all the training material by e-mail. The material is now available on the speaker's bureau website. : <https://extension.arizona.edu/yavapai-county-master-gardener-speakers-bureau-documents>.

There are 41 MGs on my Speaker's Bureau list. There are 48 topics that the speaker's bureau can offer to the public. Topics range from companion planting to preserving your harvest.

**Engagements.** We received about 28 requests for speakers in 2014. We fulfilled all but 2. The unfulfilled requests were not filled because of timing (needed speaker within a week) or the topics were too esoteric (fairy gardens). However, Tricia Michelson found the topic of fairy gardens so intriguing she has now developed a talk on it. We also conducted 2 OLLI courses on Gardening. The Spring II course included 12 topics by 12 MGs. The other course was 2 MG for a one day course on fall planting.

**Statistics.** Paul Schnur is maintaining the Completed Presentations list for Jeff and his annual report. We have given 33 presentations to an audience of 775 members of the Yavapai County Community.

**Special Projects.** Some MGs made suggestions about topics we could present to the public. One was on children's presentations we could give to pre-schoolers as we have had requests from that sector of the educational community. Lois Janowski and Sandy Lundgren have prepared 2 talks so far on Planting Seeds and Leaf Rubbings. We are in the process of working on another talk on bugs. When these lesson plans are complete, we hope to organize all the materials in a box so that any MG can give the presentation on request.

I'd like to welcome Christi Armer as speaker's Bureau chair starting in 2015. I'm sure she will give her own special contributions to this important role of the Master Gardener's Association.

## **2014 HELP DESK – PRESCOTT OFFICE**



Back row left to right: Connie Loving, Barbara McCurry, Tricia Michelson, Janet Schieber, Jeff Schalaus, Faun Vogel, Bill Cart, Bob Gessner, Karen Austermilller, Susan Brook, Diana Atkins, Tom Konzem  
Front row left to right: Bev Turnbull, Hope Fonnet, Debbie Mayne, Pauline Rotta, Mary Barnes, Bob Miller, Steve McIntyre

## **2014 HELP DESK – VERDE VALLEY OFFICE**



Left to Right – back row: Garry Neil, Bill Marmaduke, Judy Kennedy, Lee Vadnais, Jim Sheehan, Faun Vogel,  
Ruth Stoddard

Front row, left to right: Judy Cowan, Joan Pierce, Carlon Woodson, Faith Roberts, Elizabeth Sexton, Sandy  
Kinnen

Bottom row: Jeff Schalau, Steve Moody



## 2014 MONSOON MADNESS FLYER



  
University of Arizona  
Yavapai County Cooperative Extension  
Master Gardener Association


Presents



# MONSOON MADNESS

## PLANT AND YARD SALE

BRING YOUR  
GARDENING  
QUESTIONS AND GET  
ANSWERS FROM THE  
MASTER GARDENERS

  
COME  
ENJOY THE  
ENTERTAINMENT



TOOL / KNIFE  
SHARPENING

\$2-----Small Knives (up to 6" blades)

\$3-----Large Knives (over 6" blades)

\$4-----Pruners & Shovels

\$6-----Leaves/Anvils

No unrelated edge pieces

Herbs, Perennials, Trees, Shrubs, Natives, & House Plants  
Garden Tools, Pots, Garden Art & Books

### SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2014

7:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.



Rodeo Grounds - Parking Lot  
840 Rodeo Drive, Prescott

Located behind the Rodeo grandstands and accessible from  
Gail Gardner Way or Miller Valley Road

928-445-6590 (ext. 222)

<http://extension.arizona.edu/yavapai>



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## **2014 PICNIC**

October - Dead Horse State Park

150 hours Karen Austermiller Jean Cole Nancy Gibson Joni Harvey Jack Jackson Barbara McCurry Tricia Michelson	250 hours Patrick Beatty Trudy Black Nancy Deane Jane Grams Paula Hilton Lois Janowski Sandy Lundgren Pauline Rotta Kathy Sisley Lee Vadnais	500 hours Debbie Allen Anita Fleming Linda Kimberly Rich Peterson Susan Peterson Joan Tyler
1000 hours Faun Vogel Ron Zmyslinski	1500 hours Judy Cowan Bob Gessner Bev Turnbull	2000 hours Herdis Maclellan Sue Smith
Emeritus - 10 continuous years of active status Sally Berkshire Jan Billiam SanDee Kinnen Janet Mansoldo Joan Tyler		
Special Recognition for Plant Database Research and Inputs Doug McMillan Janet Schieber Bev Turnbull		
Special Recognition for Longevity as Helpdesk Volunteers Bill Cart – Prescott office Carlton Woodson – Camp Verde office		

## **2014 PICNIC AWARDS**

*Presented by Jeff Shalau*

### **250 Hours**



Lee Vadnais, Kathy Sisley, Jane Grams, Trudy Black, Lois Janowski

### **500 Hours**



Debbie Allen, Rich Peterson, Susan Peterson



## ***1000 Hours***



**Ron Zmyslinski**

## ***1500 Hours***



**Judy Cowan, Bob Gessner**



## ***2000 Hours***



**Herdis Maclellan, Sue Smith**

## ***Emeritus***



**Sally Berkshire, Jan Billiam, SanDee Kinnen**



## ***Special Recognition – Plant Data Base***



**Janey Schieber, Doug McMillan**

## **2014 ARIZONA HIGHLANDS GARDEN CONFERENCE**



*Conference date:* October 25, 2014

*Location:* Prescott Resort and Conference Center

*Theme:* Harmony in the Highlands: *Gardening with Nature*

*# conference registrants:* 160

*Attendees from:* Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Mohave, and Yavapai counties, and California

*Speakers:*

Dave Irvine, Highlands Center for Natural History – Welcome Address

Jeff Gillman – Keynote I - The Truth About Garden Remedies

Jeff Gillman – Keynote II - The Truth about Organic Gardening

Wayne Ranney – Ancient Landscapes of Northern Arizona

Nancy Deane – To Bee or Not to Bee

Steve McIntyre and Steve Miller – Extending Our Short Growing Season

Kelly Allred – Grasses: In Your Socks, On Your Plate, and In Your Garden

Eric Moore – Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Yard Through Landscaping

Stephen Scott – Growing Milkweed for the Monarch Butterfly and Why it Matters

Steve Morgan – Landscaping with Native Plants

Bob Gessner – Mushrooms & Molds in Our Gardens & Landscapes

Jeff Schalau – Historical Gardening in Northern Arizona

*Hosted by:* Yavapai County Master Gardener Association

*Committee Members:*

Chair – Karen Austermiller

Co-chair – Mary Barnes

Speaker's Dinner – Cindy Jastrzab

Contacts – Tricia Michelson

Finance – Bev Turnbull

Logistics – Christi Armer

Pre-conference Activities – Cathy Michener

Public Relations – Sherry Howard

Registration and Program – Cathy Michener

Speakers – Debbie Allen

Sponsors – Betsy Miller

Vendors – Missy Sandeen

Welcome Bags – Joan Tyler

Volunteers – Debbie Allen

Advisors – Beverly Emerson, Betty Loos, Jeff Schalau

Pre-Conference Activities – Friday, October 24, 2014

*Locations:* Downtown Prescott Tour, Watson Woods, and Willow Lake



## *Harmony in the Highlands: Gardening with Nature*

### **Saturday, October 25, 2014**



Presented by Master Gardeners of:  
Yavapai, Coconino and Gila Counties

The Arizona Highlands are a challenging place to garden, with low rainfall, a surprisingly short growing season, alkaline soil, and competition for resources from animals, insects and undesirable plants.

Get ideas about how to be a successful gardener under these conditions and discover concepts that work in and with our unique environment.

**Prescott Resort & Conference Center  
1500 State Route 69  
Prescott, Arizona**

**Conference Registration:**

**\$75 before Sept 24th**

**\$100 after Sept 24th**

**Optional Oct 24th pre-conference activities :**

**\$10 before Sept 24th**

**\$15 after Sept 24th**

**Registration begins July 15th;  
conference is open to the public.**

**Conference registration includes:**

- Keynote talks by Jeff Gillman, "The Truth About Garden Remedies" & "The Truth About Organic Gardening"
- 9 additional sessions on various topics
- Vendors
- Welcome bags

**Pre-registration before Oct 14th is required.**

**<http://www.AHGC2014.org> (registration information)**

**Facebook: Yavapai County Master Gardeners**

**Contact for more information: 928-445-6590, Ext 221**

## **MORE PHOTOS**

### ***Class Welcome – June 2014***





***Alta Vista Garden Tour – Master Gardener Support – 2014***





## VA Green House – Orchid Splitting – June 2014





*Monsoon Madness – July 2014*





















**Community Gardens 2014**





## Yavapai County Fair September 2014





*Picnic- October 2014*





*Arizona Highlands Garden Conference October 2014*

