Certification Workshop

MASTER GARDENER



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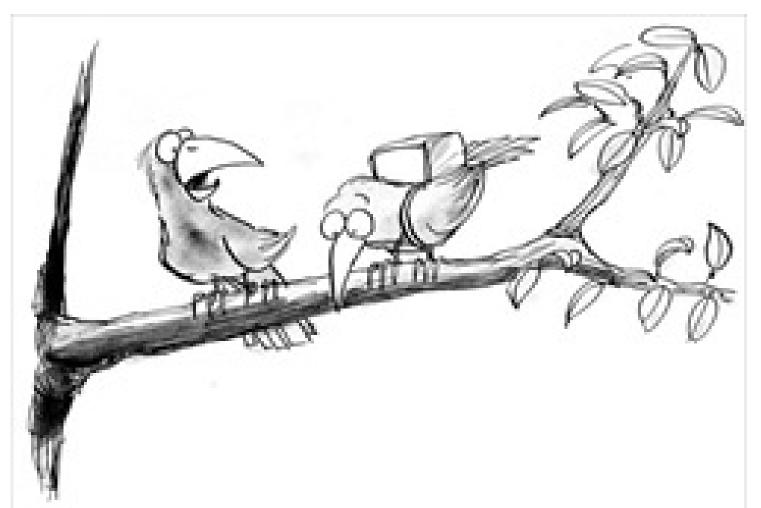


Mentor Program Overview Cindy Pitcher

Purpose of Mentor Program

- To support and assist Associate Master Gardeners as you acquire your certification hours and become part of the MG community.
- Your mentor is not your garden guru; his/her support is primarily to help you get the information you need



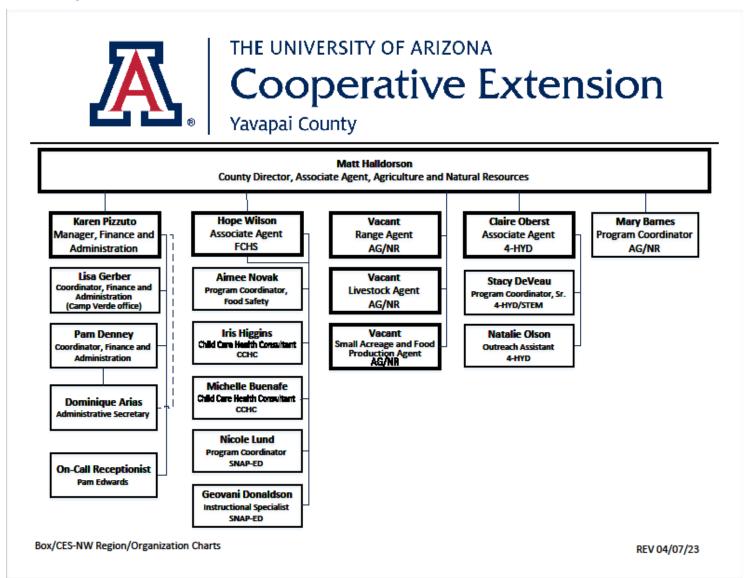


"Let's try it without the parachute."

Organization Charts *Mary Barnes*

Matt's Responsibilities

You my not see Matt much after the class -



Yavapai County Master Gardener Volunteer Program - 2023

Master Gardener Program Advisor Matt Halldorson

- Provides training, supervision, and direction to MG volunteers
- Ensures that MG activities and education are based on accepted horticultural science
- Is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the MG Program including Program Policy,
 Terms of Agreement, Affirmative Action, etc.

Master Gardener Association Executive Board

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Program/Education – Pres: Cindy Pitcher

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Pres: Diane Benjamin

Speakers Bureau - Laurin Pause

Volunteer Projects - Mary Barnes / Scholly Ketcher

Membership - Cathy Michener

Mentor Coordinators: VV: Kathleen Green

Pres: Cindy Pitcher

Master Gardener Program Coordinator Mary Barnes

- Admin. Interface between MGs and Program Advisor
- Ensure consistency between Prescott and Camp Verde offices
- Coordinate preparation for MG classes
- Maintain e-mail group codes, MG database, MG website
- Track MG hours
- Prepare annual statistics for Program Advisor

Camp Verde Office Coordinator Pam Edwards

Master Gardener Help Desk Volunteers Prescott Office Coordinator Mary Barnes

Master Gardener Help Desk Volunteers

Mentors Certified Master Gardeners Mentees You are here
Associate Master Gardeners

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Volunteer Opportunities

- Help Desks Prescott and Camp Verde
- Farmers' Markets
 - Prescott
 - Camp Verde
 - Sedona
- Soil testing
- Village of Oak Creek Butterfly Garden
- Sedona Heritage Museum
- Prescott VA Greenhouse and Grounds
- Sharlot Hall Museum grounds
- Speakers Bureau
- Heritage Zoo Garden
- Yavapai County Fair
- Village of Oak Creek Butterfly Garden
- Sedona Heritage Museum

See Volunteer Projects Status Log for additional opportunities.

Speaker's Bureau

Outreach

Develop relationships with Libraries, Garden Clubs, HOA's and Local Groups to schedule presentations and requesting speakers to fill speaking request.

Manage Presentation Materials

Assist Master Gardeners, as needed, in researching topics, preparing/editing power point presentations and ensuring presentations have UofA branding and appropriate copyright notations before posting to the Web.

Database Management

Develop and maintain a list of potential Speakers, including their topics of interests and Bio's

Host /Co-Host Virtual Speaker Bureau Zoom Meetings

Roles include Moderator, Controller and Host. Activities include the technical aspects of a virtual presentation such as setting up and managing zoom meetings and recording and YouTube videos. The Moderator serves as the host of the on-line meeting, introducing the speaker, presenting an overview of the Yavapai Extension Office and MG program and fielding questions from the Chat Box.

Presenting

Opportunities are always available to those who would like to be part of the MG Speaker's Bureau sharing your passion, knowledge, and science-based information on a variety of gardening topics.

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This information is located on our Master Gardener webpage.

Next Steps

Cindy Pitcher

Where to Go for Help

You may have questions, like

- how to report hours
- who to contact for volunteering
- who you can talk to regarding a specific horticultural topic
- etc.

Your mentor is there to help.

Responsibilities

Your mentor will

- Maintain contact with you through the first year of your certification process (call, text, email, card)
- Be available to you for questions and guidance
- Encourage you to attend monthly MGA meetings
- Participate in your recognition of certification when awarded at MGA meeting

You are asked to

- Attend the Certification Training (today)
- Communicate with your mentor during the certification year

What you can do now

- ☐ See Projects Status Log
- Answer neighbor gardening questions
- Work on a presentation if you want to give talks (ask for PPT template)
- Watch for emails from Mary
- Your mentor may have additional ideas
- What ideas do you have?

What Happens Next

- 1. Meet with your with your mentor today
 - ✓ Learn about each other's styles
 - ✓ Discuss how best to communicate with each other
 - ✓ Share your interests
 - ✓ Sign the "styles" chart
- 2. Your mentor will tell you how to sign-up for volunteer activities in the future
- 3. Watch for emails regarding
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Mentor communication
- 4. Sign-up today for some volunteer activities
- Report volunteer hours for attending today's session, future meetings/planning with your mentor, attending MGA meetings and volunteer activities

