

# Certification Workshop

MASTER GARDENER



YAVAPAI COUNTY

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# Mentor Program Overview

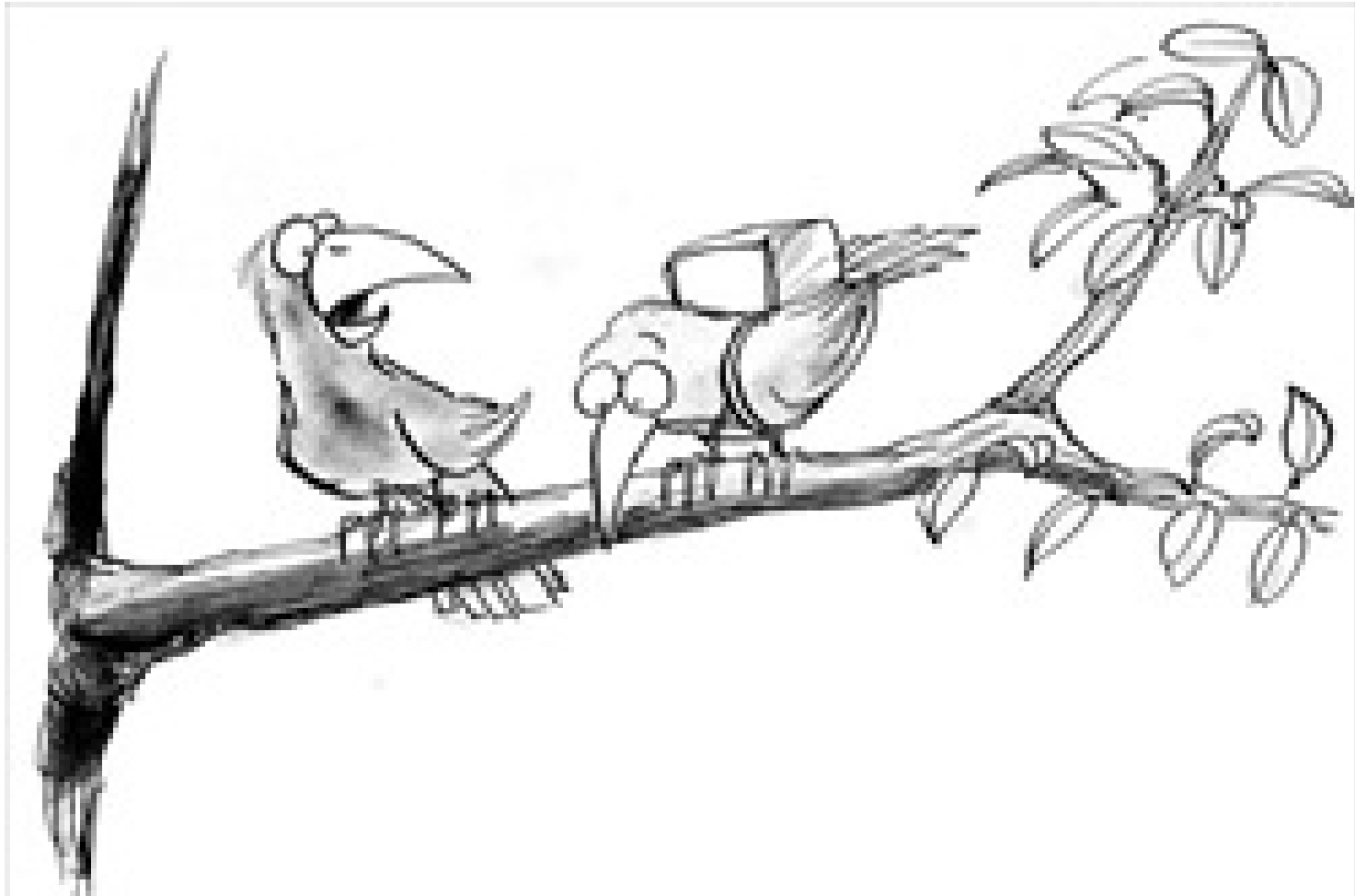
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# Purpose of Mentor Program

- 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

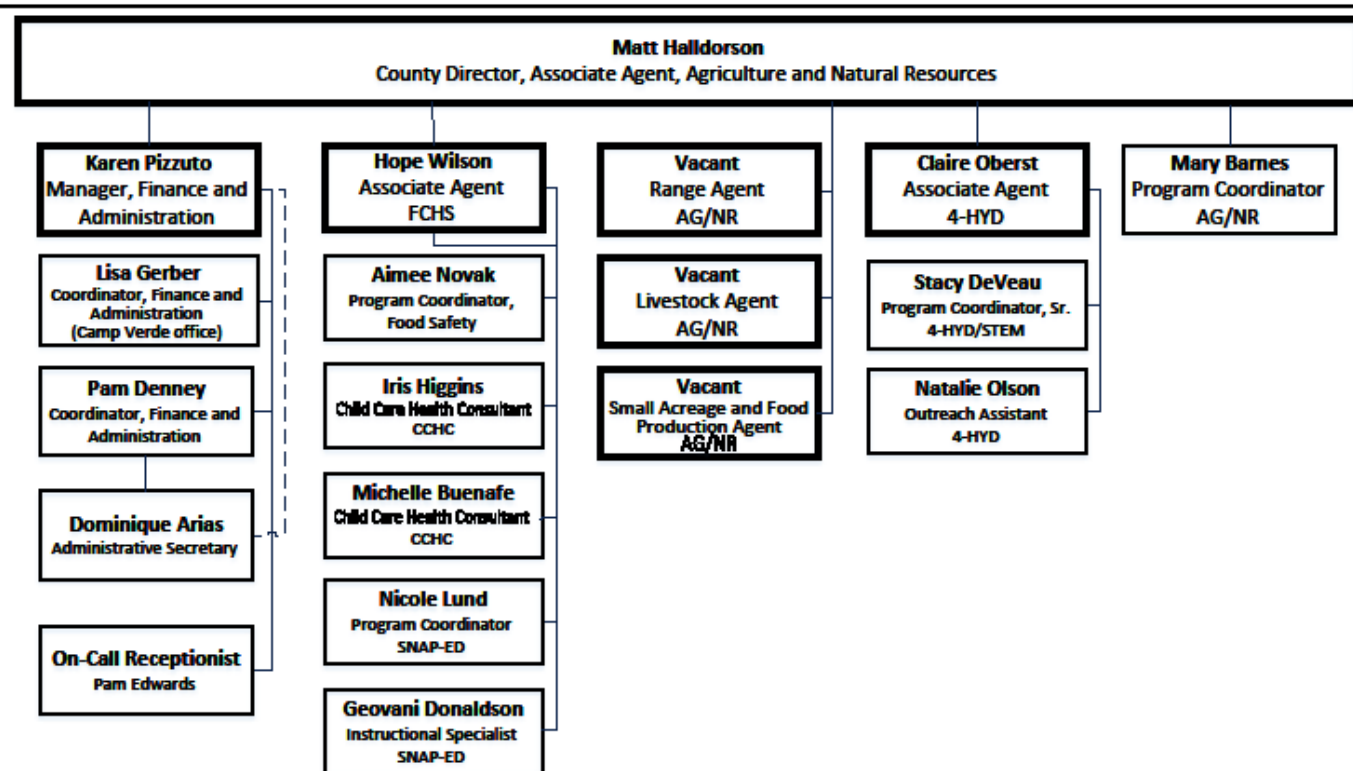
*You may not see Matt much after the class -*



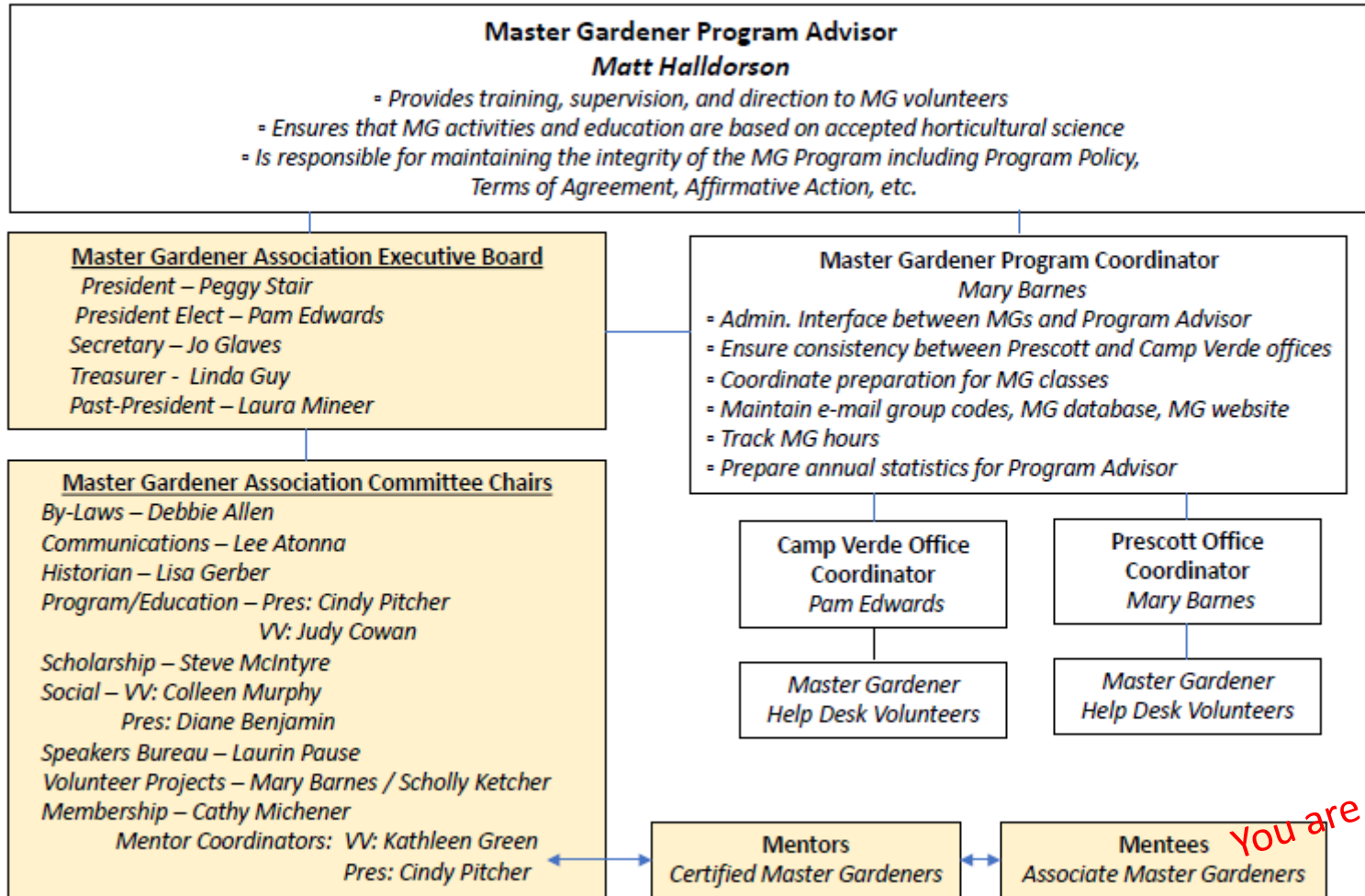
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## Cooperative Extension

Yavapai County



# Yavapai County Master Gardener Volunteer Program - 2023



# 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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# Next Steps

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# 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.

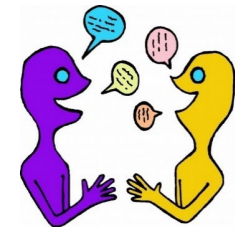


*Your mentor is there to help.*

# 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?
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# 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
5. Report volunteer hours for attending today's session, future meetings/planning with your mentor, attending MGA meetings and volunteer activities



