

# Certification Workshop

MASTER GARDENER



YAVAPAI COUNTY

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# Mentor Program Overview

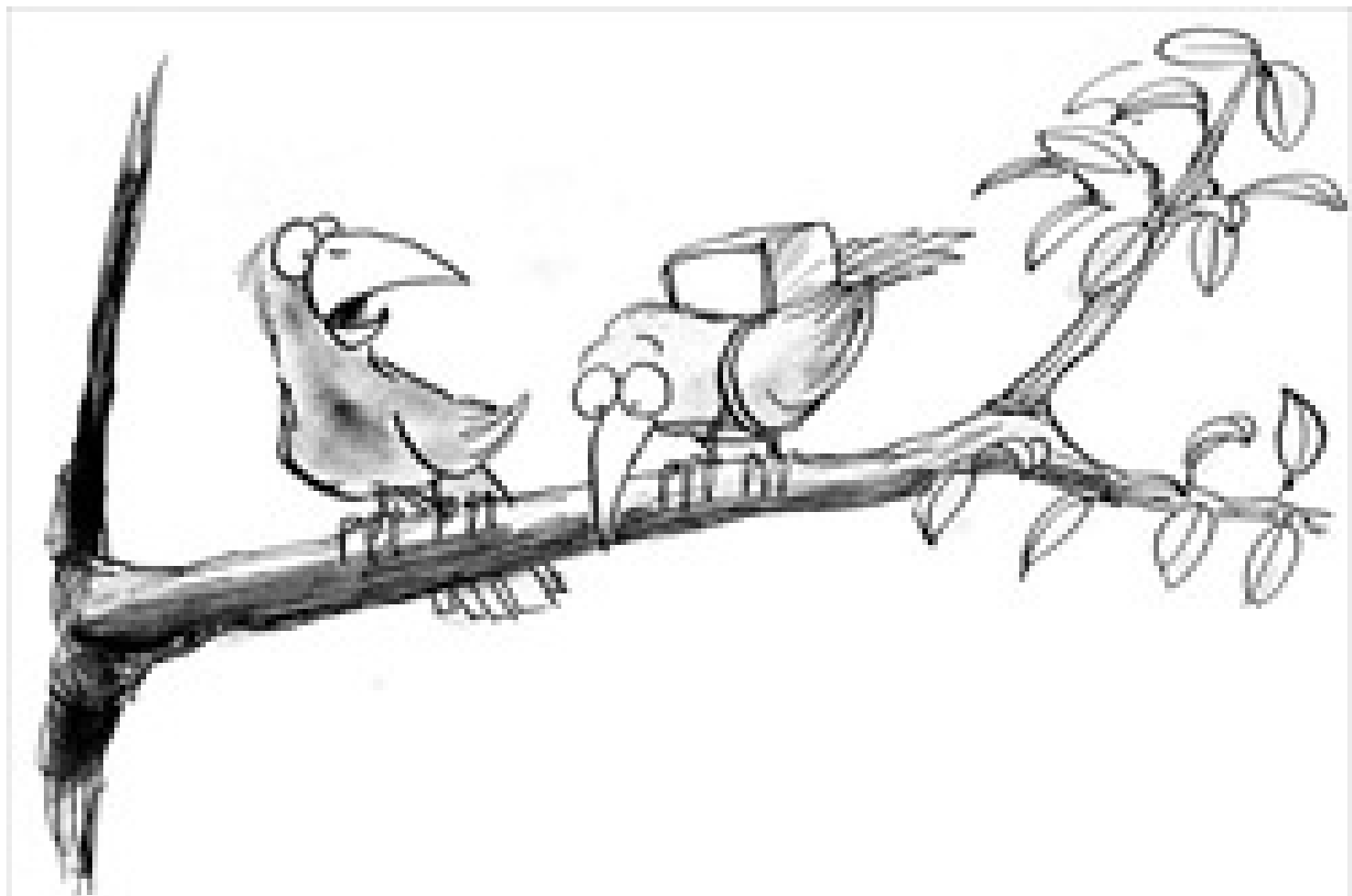
*Cindy Pitcher*



# 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

## Volunteer Opportunities

*Mary Barnes*

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# Matt's Responsibilities

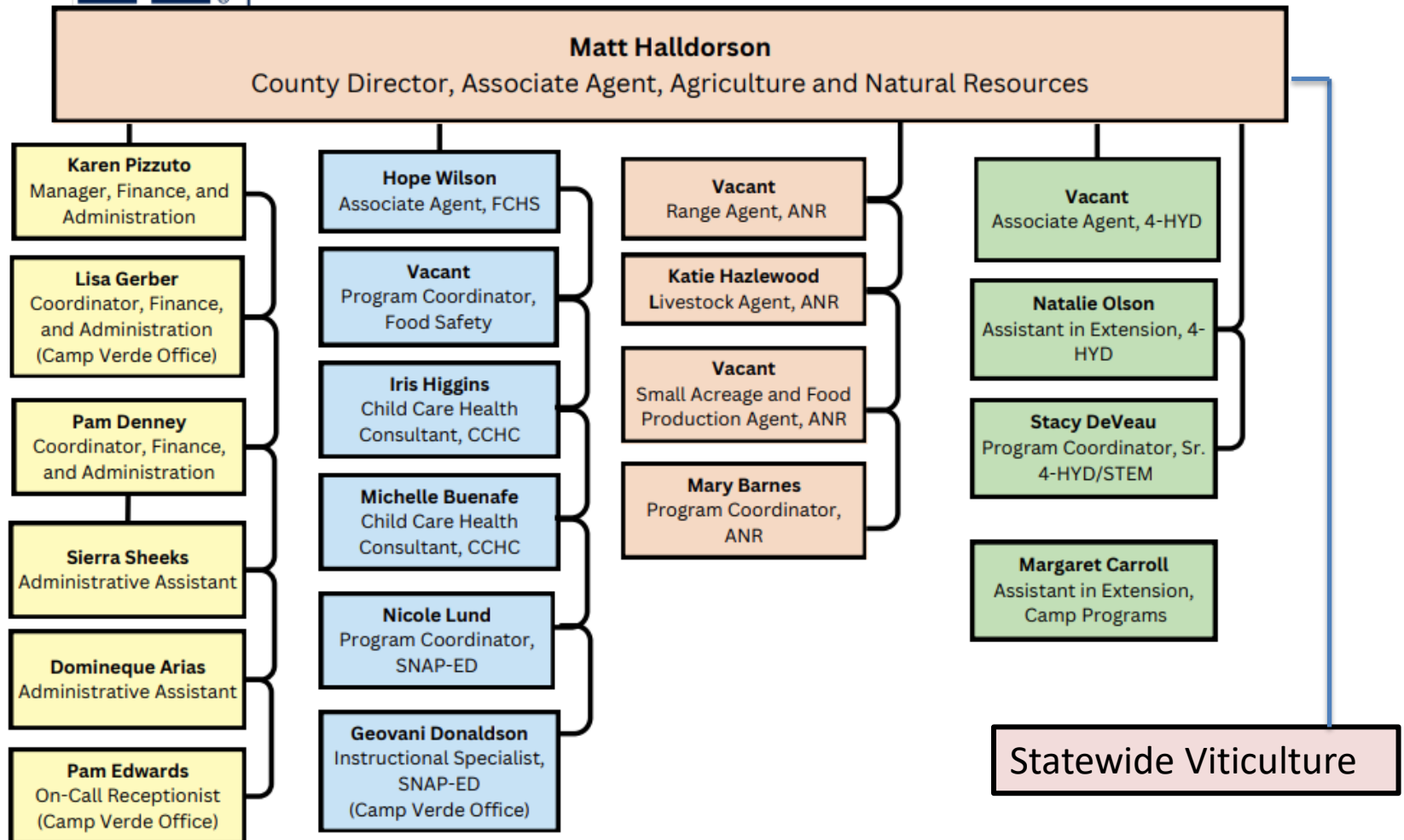
*You may not see Matt much after the class -*



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# Yavapai County Master Gardener Volunteer Program - 2024

## 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

President – Pam Edwards  
 President Elect – Joni Lydic  
 Secretary – Jo Graves  
 Treasurer - Peggy Ahola  
 Past-President – Peggy Stair

### 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

### Master Gardener Association Committee Chairs

By-Laws – Debbie Allen  
 Communications – Lee Atonna  
 Historian – Lisa Gerber  
 Program/Education – Cindy Pitcher  
     Tours – Peggy Stair  
 Scholarship – Steve McIntyre  
 Social – VV: Colleen Murphy  
     Pres: Diane Benjamin  
 Speakers Bureau – Laurin Pause  
 Volunteer Projects – Mary Barnes / Scholly Ketcher  
 Membership – Cathy Michener  
     Mentor Coordinators: VV: Kathleen Green  
     Pres: Cindy Pitcher

Camp Verde Office  
 Coordinator  
 Pam Edwards

Prescott Office  
 Coordinator  
 Mary Barnes

Master Gardener  
 Help Desk Volunteers

Master Gardener  
 Help Desk Volunteers

Mentors  
 Certified Master Gardeners

Mentees  
 Associate Master Gardeners

You are here



## Master Gardener Program Projects/Activities

	<b>Active, Approved Projects</b> (Initiated or sponsored by MGA or requested by the public and approved by MGA)	<b>Project Dates</b>	<b>MG Chair</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	Acker Park plant identification and QR placement	Start Sept 2023	Sue Gill	Working at direction of Friends of Acker Park as they provide input
2.	Camp Verde Library Landscape	2022 - 2025	Lesley Alward	Library working on hardscape; MGs will be asked to help with education workdays on replanting.
3.	Research Over the Counter Pesticides	Jan – Feb 2024	Mary Barnes	Judy Mannen, Missy Sandeen
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5.	MG Tomato Plant Sale – Prescott Extension Office	May 4th	Debbie Allen/Tricia Michelson	
6.	MGA Garden Tour	June 15th	Cathy Michener	
7.	Focus groups on modified Monsoon Madness type plant sale in 2025	July 2024	Tricia Michelson	Karen Austermilller
8.	Verde Valley Farmers Market Info table	May to Sep 2024	Pam Edwards	
9.	Sedona Farmers Market Info Table	May to Oct 2024	Karen Gieske	
10.	Prescott Farmers Market Info Table	April to Oct 2024	Scholly Ketcher	
11.	Yavapai Fair – Horticulture and Floriculture	Sept 2024	Nancy Gibson/Peggy Stair	
12.	Old Tyme Country Fair (Cornville) information table	November 2024	Carol Keefer	



Ongoing Activities Approved Program Efforts	MG Contacts
Cooperative Extension Office Help Desk	Camp Verde: Pam Edwards, Prescott: Mary Barnes
Cooperative Extension soil testing	Camp Verde: Pam Edwards, Prescott: <u>Sandy Grepling</u>
Yavapai Connections Bulletin	Emily Lane
Supply Management	Prescott: Martha Frisella, Camp Verde: Lisa Gerber
Specimen Insects – update/maintain insect boxes	Camp Verde: Open, Prescott: Open
Seed collecting and packaging for give-away	Prescott: Peggy Stair, Camp Verde: Lisa Gerber
Naturalized and Native Plant Database	Sue Smith
Extension office landscape maintenance	Camp Verde: Marti Griggs
MGA Officer and Committee activities & support (e.g. Speaker's Bureau assistance, giving horticulture talks, managing supplies)	Speakers' Bureau
Support for Extension office: classes/workshops/efforts (e.g. MG class, Seed to Supper, tree pruning, Home Horticulture class, 4-H record <u>books etc.</u> ); Advisory Board positions	
One-on-one educating of friends/neighbors on horticulture issues	
Writing horticulture articles "written by MG"	
Garden Mentor Program	Molly Beverly
<b>Schools (Hands-on instruction)</b>	
Abia Judd Elementary School	After School Program – Marty Boxer
Primavera School	Raven Allen
School Garden Lesson Resources	Jo Cahill

## ❖ Approved Community Support Activities

<b>Ongoing Activities</b>		<b>The following are MGs who volunteer at these locations. Contact them for instructions if you'd like to volunteer.</b>
1.	Sharlot Hall Museum, Prescott	Josh Nomland ( <a href="mailto:Joshua.nomland@sharlothallmuseum.org">Joshua.nomland@sharlothallmuseum.org</a> ) <i>Apr 2024 Have enough volunteers</i>
2.	Sedona Heritage Museum	Judy Kennedy
3.	Red Rock Ranger Station	Judy Kennedy
4.	Heritage Park Zoo, Prescott	Diane Benjamin
5.	Montezuma Well	Kathleen Green
6.	Phenology monitoring – Community Nature Center	Doug Winckler
7.	Highlands Center for Natural History	Donna Davis <i>Apr 2024 Have enough volunteers</i>
8.	Prescott VA Hospital greenhouse and grounds	Roberta Pelayo
9.	Monarch Butterfly Garden - Village of Oak Creek	Mike Wagner
10.	Yavapai College Greenhouse	Rich Peterson <i>Apr 2024 Have enough volunteers</i>
11.	Hummingbird Festival docent	
12.	HOA Landscape committees (Research/advice on plant selection/planting and plant problems, i.e. insect or disease identification and management)	
13.	<b>Community Gardens</b>	
14.	Cottonwood Community Garden	Marianne Jimenez
15.	Prescott Valley Community Garden	Jack Yahl
16.	Cottonwood Library Community Garden	Carla Hover
17.	Any formal, organized garden where multiple residents or the public are welcome	
18.	Seed libraries	
19.	Herbariums	
20.	Prescott community compost project	
21.	OLLI - planning horticulture classes	Lois Janowski, Angie Mazella

# Cottonwood Library – 2 beds need repair



# Speakers' 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 Volunteer Documents webpage.



# Behavioral Styles

- Volunteer for tasks you will enjoy
- It is not about the hours
- These are your default styles
- We all step into other styles when needed, but with more effort



*May prefer email communication*

## CONTROLLER



Like to be in charge  
Results driven  
Could tend to be autocratic

## ANALYZER



Detail oriented  
Like structure  
Will want details

## PROMOTER



Generate ideas  
Don't like lengthy explanations  
May find follow-through difficult

## SUPPORTER



Like personal contact  
Concerned about how people feel  
May need direction and reminders

*May prefer phone call or text message*

# 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 for some options
  - 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 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

