

Survey of Master Gardener Expertise

Montgomery County's 250 Master Gardeners have lots of knowledge, but we generally don't know who knows what. A list of MCMGs who have training and/or experience in both gardening and non-gardening subjects is in the process of being developed. We hope to include you! You do not need to know everything about a topic - we aren't looking for experts like those found at the University of MD, just MGs who are willing to help their MG colleagues with specific areas of gardening.

The results from this survey will appear on the password protected part of the Montgomery County MG website and will be distributed in hard copy form to those without internet access. By identifying yourself as knowledgeable in a specific area of gardening, you are telling your fellow MGs that you are willing to serve as a resource and provide help in that particular area. You are only agreeing to help your fellow MGs. You are not agreeing, for example, to help the neighbor of another MG, nor are you agreeing to help a family member of another MG. The results of the survey will **NOT** be distributed to anyone other than Montgomery County MGs. As you know, we do not distribute telephone numbers or addresses of MGs to anyone other than MGs, because this information is private. The results of our survey will be kept private as well.

Once the results are distributed, you may look up which MGs are knowledgeable about what subject. For example, if you have a question about your perennials (or any other topic), you'll have a list of MGs to whom you can speak.

The survey appears on the next page.

Part 1 of the survey consists of a list of gardening subjects. Please choose 1-6 subjects where you feel you are knowledgeable.

If you have specific knowledge within a general subject area, please indicate this (e.g. rose or azalea expertise...write this on the line next to Shrubs). Do the best you can. This is our first attempt to identify individual skills!

Part 2 of the survey consists of other areas where you may have expertise or experience. For example, some of these may be areas familiar to you from your career or other volunteer work. Please check any of these areas where you feel you are knowledgeable. Use the line next to the topic if you have specific knowledge within a general subject area. For example, Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and web design are four specific areas within the general area of computers.

Part 3 of the survey asks you to provide us with additional information, which we will use as part of our effort to reach out to a broader group of clients.

If you do not wish to participate in the project, check the box at the bottom of the page, and return the form anyway. That way, we won't send you repeat forms to fill out.

Separate the survey form and return to Linda Waters no later than August 1, 2008. Thank you for your participation in this project.

Name (please print) _____

Part 1: Gardening Expertise (Check 1-6 areas where you feel especially knowledgeable)

____ Annuals _____
____ Aquatic gardens _____
____ Butterfly gardens _____
____ Container gardens _____
____ Computer use for horticultural research _____
____ Diseases _____
____ Garden equipment and maintenance _____
____ Greenhouse or cold frame growing _____
____ Fruit _____
____ Hardscape _____
____ Herb gardening _____
____ Houseplants _____
____ Insects _____
____ IPM _____
____ Landscape design _____
____ Native plants _____
____ Perennials _____

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____ Plant ID _____
____ Pruning _____
____ Rain Gardens or Barrels _____
____ Shade Gardens _____
____ Shrubs _____
____ Soils, Fertilizers, Compost, Amendments _____
____ Trees _____
____ Turf _____
____ Vegetable Gardens _____
____ Weeds _____
____ Wildlife _____
____ Xeriscape Gardens _____
____ Other (specify) _____
____ Other (specify) _____
____ Other (specify) _____

Part 2: Other Expertise (Check any areas where you feel especially knowledgeable)

____ Accounting/Finance _____
____ Art/Graphic Design _____
____ Computer use _____
____ Fluent in a foreign language (please specify) _____
____ Fund raising _____
____ Grant writing _____
____ Graphic art _____
____ Human resources _____
____ Legal work _____
____ Photography and/or video _____

____ Project Management _____
____ Public Relations/Comm. Outreach _____
____ Public Speaking _____
____ Research Skills _____
____ Teaching _____
____ Writing/Editing _____
____ Working w/Children _____
____ Other (specify) _____
____ Other (specify) _____
____ Other (specify) _____

Part 3

1. Do you live in a community that publishes a newsletter or has a listserv which allows you to submit announcements that might be of interest to the residents of your community? _____ If yes, please name that community, and provide a contact name and phone number (if available). _____
2. Do you belong to a garden club or group that maintains a public garden? _____ If yes, please name the garden club or group and indicate where the garden is located. If you know it, please list contact name and phone number. _____
3. Please list any community garden you know about in Montgomery County. A community garden is defined as a small area of individual plots that are made available to the public or residents of a community. If you know it, please provide contact name and phone number for the community garden. _____
4. Do you belong to an organization which might be able to help promote our mission of horticultural education? _____ If yes, please name the organization and provide contact information, if you know it. _____

____ I DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY