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**2019
Search
for
Excellence**



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Search for Excellence

The statewide recognition program of Master Gardener volunteer work in NC

FOCUS: Identify outstanding MGV **group projects** that result in **significant learning**



2018 Community Service 1st Place
Grow to Eat Program,
Chowan-Gates-Perquimans Counties

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Seven categories in which MGVs can demonstrate outstanding contributions to their communities:

- Youth Programs
- Demonstration Garden
- Workshop or Presentation
- Community Service
- Innovative Projects
- Research
- Special Need Audiences

Align with International Master Gardener SFE



2018 Demonstration Garden 1st Place
2019 IMG SFE 1st Place
Crevice Garden – Guilford County

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Received 15 applications!

Entries in all categories except research

- One winner selected for each categories,
 - Winning projects must have score of 75 or greater
- Winning program receives \$200 award, funded by NCEMG Endowment



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2018 Workshop/Presentation 1st Place
2019 IMG SFE 1st Place
Speakers Bureau,
Dare County

Judging Criteria

- **Simplicity** – 10 points
 - Excellent ideas that can be easily replicated
- **Relevance** – 10 points
 - Is the best way to meet need of target audience
- **Creativity** – 10 points
 - Added touches that make program unique, reflective of personalities of MGVs involved
- **Compatible with EMG Mission** – 20 points
 - Educational, research-based, non-discriminatory, helps participants use knowledge to solve problems
- **Clarity of Application** – 20 points
 - Are all components included and clearly explained
- **Significant Learning** – 20 points
 - Did MGVs or the public gain knowledge and adopt new practices to enhance quality of life?



2018 Youth Outreach 1st Place
Edible Plant Parts
Carteret County

Search for Excellence Working Group

- **David Higginbotham**,
EMGV – Chatham, Chair
- **Wanda Crutchfield**, EMGV
– Durham
- **Carolyn Flowers**, EMGV
– Guilford
- **Micki Levine**, EMGV
– Chowan

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Helping Gardeners Put Knowledge to Work

We are community volunteers. Our mission is to support, teach and encourage a diverse community of gardeners using current research-based horticulture practices. We invite you to explore our website and over 300 blog posts about gardening in Western North Carolina. [Learn more](#) →

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A Dilemma: “Weed” or Pollinators’ Best Friend?

JULY 25, 2018

No, this poster is not an advertisement to plant more thistles! As part of a class on the need for pollinator habitat, it provoked questions and the rethinking of some old ideas.

A patch of any kind of flowers covered with bees and butterflies is a bit like a soda fountain or candy counter jammed with kids. Pollinators choose flowers that are close by, abundant, and shaped so their tongues can reach the rich reward inside – nectar! Flowering weeds – what we gardeners sometimes define as a “plant out of place” – fit all these requirements. And so, pollinators discovered the virtues of flowering weeds millennia ago.

Maybe it's time to take a new look at your lawn and garden weeds, through the lens of these creatures who are responsible for so many of the fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds,

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AND THE
WINNERS
ARE...



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Community Service

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of Cabarrus County**

FOR:

“Digging in the Dirt” County Fair Booth



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**Community Service
Cabarrus County**

Karen Andre

Jackie Ashton

Patty Day

Mitchell Hagler

Gerri Harris

Renee Hedrick

Larry Heintz

Tillie Heintz

Darnelle Hodge

Joe Hutchins

Mary Ann Johnson

Corky Johnson

Lynn MacDougall-Fleming

Nelson May

Melanie Misenheimer

Jon Stewart

Sid Rauch

Bob Wilber

Melody Wilkes





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Demonstration Garden

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FOR:

**Unity Park & Community Gardens
Demonstration Beds**



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Demonstration Garden

Master Gardener Volunteers, Caldwell County

Lynda Campbell

David Horn

Ellen Roberts

Josie Varela







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Demonstration Garden

PRESENTED TO:

**Extension Master GardenerSM Volunteers,
Wilson County**

FOR:

Wilson Botanical Gardens – STEM Garden



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Demonstration Garden

Master Gardener Volunteers, Wilson County

Karen Blume

Judy Buzard

Sandy Goetz

Linda May

Tap Tapie







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Innovative Project

PRESENTED TO:

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Chatham County**

FOR:

Newcomers' Project: Helping Your Garden Grow



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Innovative Project

Master Gardener Volunteers, Chatham County

Bruce Birbeck

George Chescheir

Laurie Cousart

Karen Greager

Anne McKee

Catherine Morehead

Susan Pflum

Patricia Reitz

Patricia Stucke

Paul Szulewski

Donna Worcester





Chatham County Newcomers' Project Team:

Pictured: Cathy Morehead, Karen Greager, Paul Szulewski, Chip Chescheir, Bruce Birbeck, Laurie Cousart, Donna Worcester, Pat Stucke, Susan Pflum

Not shown: Anne McKee, Patty Reitz

N.C. Cooperative Extension Chatham County Center

A Newcomers Guide to **HELPING YOUR GARDEN GROW**



EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERSM volunteers extend a warm welcome to you. We are fortunate to live in a county filled with scenic beauty, a moderate Zone 7 climate and diverse gardening opportunities. Turn to NC Cooperative Extension for knowledge that can help you create and care for sustainable, resilient landscapes and cultivate nourishing, productive food gardens. Resources available to residents include:

- **EXPERT GARDENING HELP**
- **RESEARCH-BASED GARDENING INFORMATION**
- **SOIL TESTING SUPPORT**
- **CLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS**
- **GARDEN CENTER DIRECTORY**
- **GARDEN CALENDAR AND TIMELY TIPS**
- **RECOMMENDED PLANT LISTS**

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ADULT PROGRAMS

WORKSHOPS AND SHORT COURSES TEACH
LOCAL RESIDENTS HOW TO GARDEN
SUSTAINABLY IN CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA



YOUTH PROGRAMS

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
SCHOOL OUT REACH
4-H PROGRAMS

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A Newcomers Guide to helping your garden grow.



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Special Needs Audience

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FOR:

Stonewall Jackson Horticultural Project



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Master Gardener Volunteers, Cabarrus County

Karen Andre

Dorothy Antony

Denise Christiana

Renee Hedrick

Dawn Mulligan

Marianne Scully





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Workshop or Presentation

PRESENTED TO:

**Extension Master GardenerSM Volunteers,
Watauga County**

FOR:

**Advanced Landscape Design for
Master Gardener Volunteers**



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Workshop or Presentation

Master Gardener Volunteers, Watauga County

Jan Frazee, Instructor

Twenty-one Master Gardener volunteer participants

Accepting: Katherine Shoffner





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Youth Outreach

PRESENTED TO:

**Extension Master GardenerSM Volunteers,
Buncombe County**

FOR:

**Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Recreation Center Day Camp,
Garden Week**



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Master Gardener Volunteers, Buncombe County

Carol Brown

Nancy Good

Kay Green

Nina Fox-Holladay

Judy Hamrick

Mollie Milner

Shirley Phillips

Jill Prior

Mary Ann Snedeker

Susan Spencer

Anne Stafford

Suzanne Wodek

Accepting: Alison Arnold





Learn More!

- **Zoom webinar this fall,**
late September
 - Project team members will discuss their efforts
- **Recorded and posted on**
NCSUgarden.com, Statewide
 - Business Admin, along with project descriptions
 - 2018 recording and descriptions available now!

