



# HANOVER MASTER GARDENERS 2019

Successes and challenges



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Extension Master Gardeners are trained volunteer educators. They work within their local communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management education and training.



The Master Gardener program brings the resources of Virginia's land-grant universities – Virginia Tech and Virginia State University – to the people of the commonwealth



# TOTAL MASTER GARDENERS

## 2018

- Trainees 2 classes 12 + 12
- Master Gardeners
- **Miles Driven 32,652**
- CE Hours 1829.75
- **Volunteer Hours 4898.78**

## 2019

- Trainees 12
- Master Gardeners 80
- **Miles Driven 37,045**
- CE Hours 1,586.65
- **Volunteer Hours 6,851.58**
- Increased hours by 1,709.7



# WHO WE SERVED IN 2019

# CONTACTS

## 2018 TOTAL CONTACTS 9709

- White 8627
- Black 780
- American Indian 30
- Hispanic 127
- Asian 95
- Pacific Islander 16
- Unknown 34

## 2019 TOTAL CONTACTS 6684

- White 5719
- Black 505
- American Indian 29
- Hispanic 98
- Asian 196
- Pacific Islander 14
- Unknown 123
- Contacts decreased 3025

The background of the slide is a soft-focus image of autumn leaves. A large, vibrant red maple leaf is prominent on the left side, with its veins clearly visible. Other leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and green are scattered throughout the background, creating a warm and seasonal atmosphere. The text is centered within a light blue rectangular box that has a thin white border.

CURIOUS ABOUT  
A PROJECT –  
ASK !



<u>ES5-MG HOME GARDEN VISITS</u>	21
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<u>ES6-ADVANCED STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS</u>	26
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<u>NEP1-WORKING IN APPROVED GARDENS</u>	66
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<u>NEP2-TRAVEL/TRANSPORT TIME</u>	921
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## ACTIVE PROJECT HOURS 2019

<u>NEP3- USE VM2 INSTEAD -</u> <u>PLANTING/SETUP/TAKEDOWN</u> <u>BEFORE AND AFTER EVENT</u>	129
<u>VM1-MASTER GARDENER</u> <u>MEETINGS</u>	353
<u>VM2-MG ADMINISTRATIVE</u> <u>SUPPORT</u>	818
<u>VM3-MG BASIC TRAINING</u> <u>CLASS/SUPPORT/SPEAKER</u>	442



# ACTIVE PROJECT HOURS 2019

<u>VM4-PUBLICATIONS</u>	13
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<u>VM5 - MG MENTORING PROGRAM</u>	14
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<u>VM6 - CIVIL RIGHTS TRAINING</u>	2
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<u>VM7 - ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN MG GARDENS</u>	132
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## Active Project Hours 2019

<u>CE1-MASTER GARDENER BASIC TRAINING</u>	63
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<u>CE2-ADVANCED TRAINING</u>	42
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<u>ES1-MASTER GARDENER PLANT CLINICS</u>	626
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<u>ES2-MG STATE FAIR BOOTH</u>	176
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<u>ES3-MASTER GARDENER HELP DESK</u>	686
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<u>ES4-SPEAKERS BUREAU / WORKSHOPS / WRITING ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION</u>	154
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# ACTIVE PROJECT HOURS 2019

YH1-INTERACTING AND INSTRUCTING  
YOUTH

155

Z - HOURS PRIOR TO 2012 OR  
TRANSFERRED HOURS

2,188

A vibrant tropical beach scene. In the foreground, large, green palm fronds with some brown tips frame the left and top of the image. The background shows a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds, a sandy beach, and turquoise ocean water with white foam from waves breaking. A small, hilly island is visible in the distance.

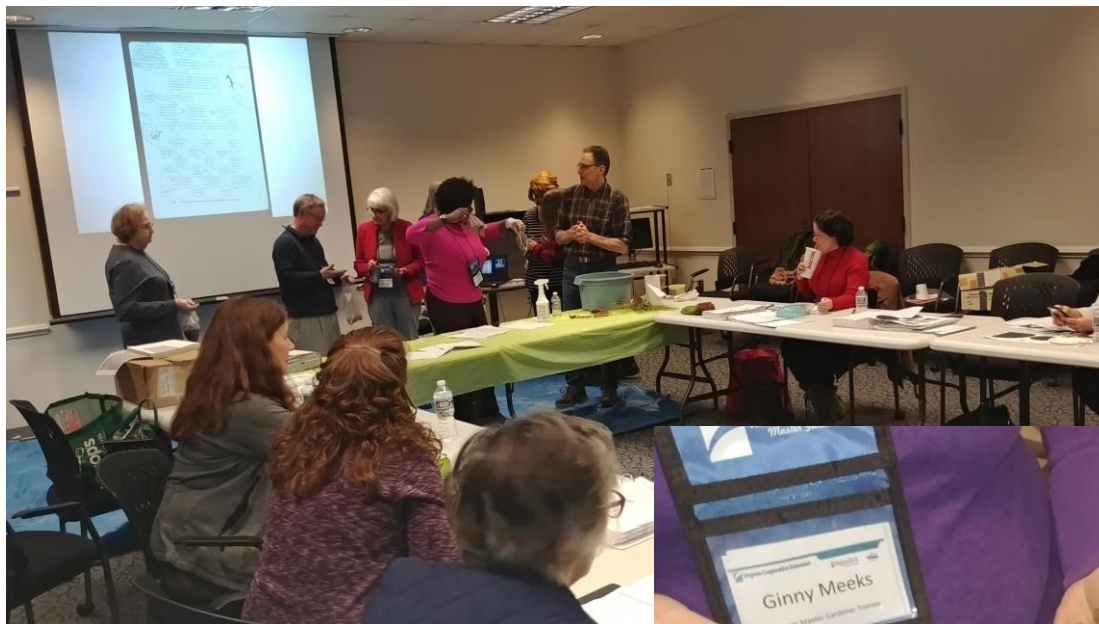
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YOUR PROJECT PHOTO  
IS NOT INCLUDED?  
DID YOU SUBMIT A  
PHOTO?

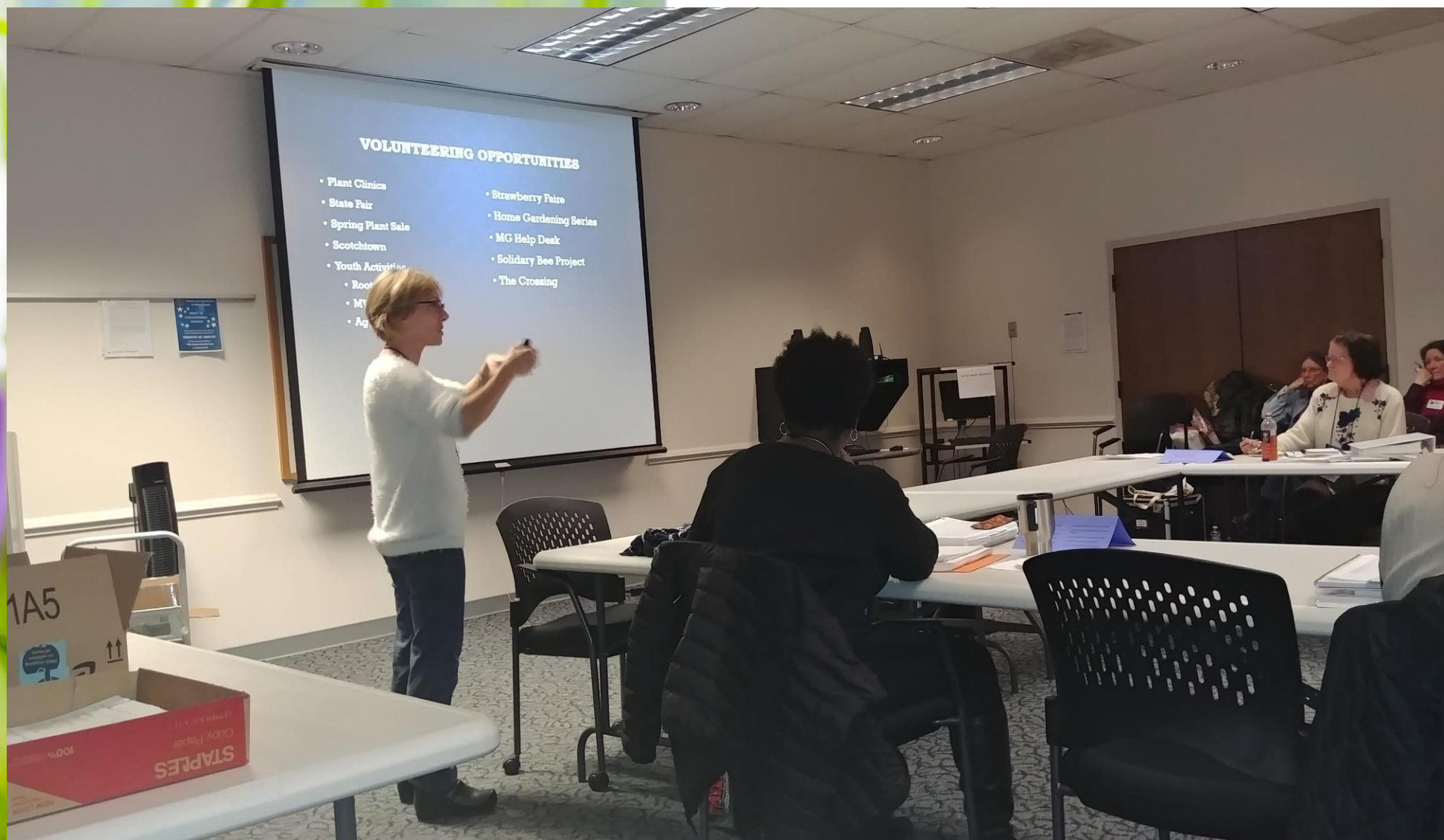


CURIOUS ABOUT A  
PROJECT – ASK !



# MASTER GARDENER COURSE





## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

- Plant Clinics
- State Fair
- Spring Plant Sale
- Scotchtown
- Youth Activities
  - Room
  - MY
  - Ag
- Strawberry Faire
- Home Gardening Series
- MG Help Desk
- Solidary Bee Project
- The Crossing



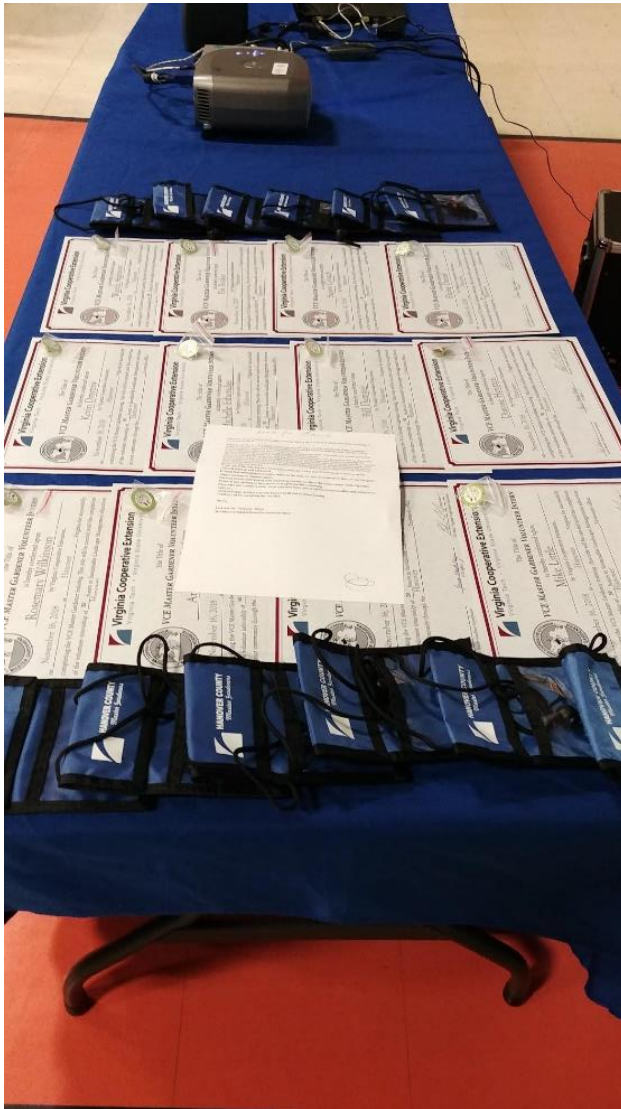
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# PROUD MASTER GARDENER INTERNS

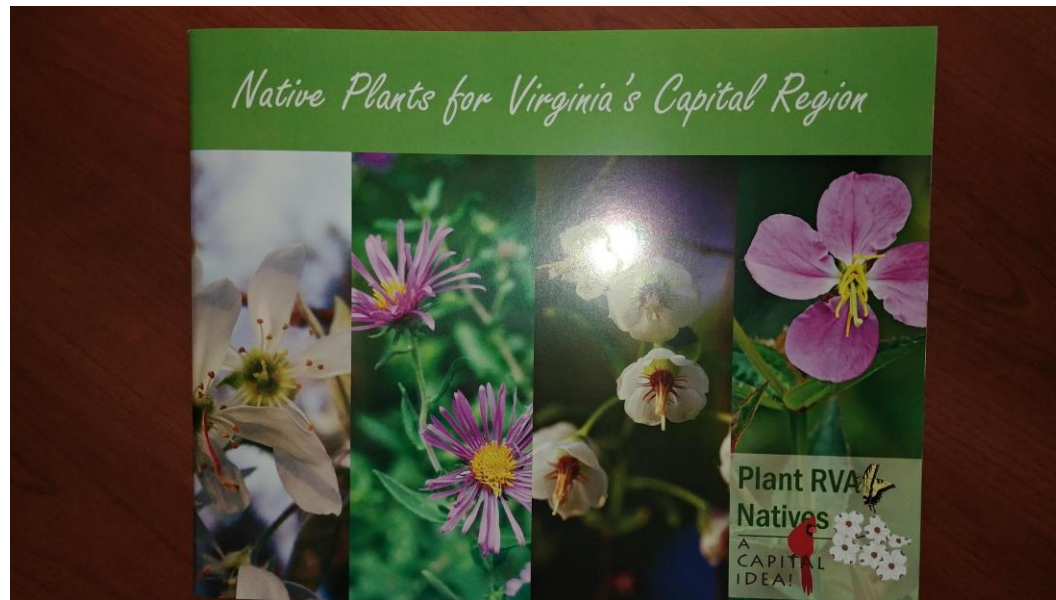


# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES





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HMGA member lead meetings



# HANOVER MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION –MEMBER MEETING ALL PROVIDING CONTINUING EDUCATION

- **February** - Best Practices for butterflies Gardens ▪ 41
- **March** - Tips for Using Native Guide ▪ 23
- **May** - Functional Movement in the Garden ▪ 40
- **June** - Growing Herbs and their benefits ▪ 21
- **July** - Propagating from leaf cuttings ▪ 30
- **August** - Building & Maintaining a water garden ▪ 25
- **September** - Organic/Sustainable Gardening limited resources ▪ 31
- **October** - Love birds in the Garden ▪ 23
- **November** - Garden helpers above and below ground

# TOASTMASTER CLASS





# Hanover Master Gardener Association meetings





# PLANT CLINICS

The Plant Clinic project concluded another successful year. The committee met in early February to establish a schedule and locations to be held during the year. Additionally we successfully assigned the various events to volunteer coordinators who have done a fabulous job in fulfilling their duties.

**This year there were a total of 28 events with a combined 1878 contacts.**

It should be noted that one of our most successful efforts was partnering with Henrico Cooperative Extension by staffing their booth at the Fall Plantfest at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden and supplementing their staffing at the Bug Bizarre. Hopefully, we will continue this form of cooperation in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Buz Sawyer  
2019 Plant Clinic Coordinator



# STATE FAIR

Pollinator theme



## **State Fair of Virginia**

**Theme:** Pollinators

3,000 contacts recorded for the VCE Master Gardener booth

Participating units:

Hanover

Green Spring

Henrico

Goochland /Powhatan

Norfolk

Prince George

Chesterfield

City of Richmond

Williamsburg/ James City County

Norfolk MGs shared pictures and a small article in the VCE publication, *In Season*

# HELP DESK



January - October 2019 total contacts = 317  
(complete report in February 2020)

Breakdown:  
73 walk-in (23%)  
77 email (24%)  
167 phone (53%)



## HMGA WEBSITE ARTICLES

### TO RAKE OR NOT TO RAKE...

It's a wet February afternoon as I stand here looking out the living room window and wonder if I did the right thing last fall. The leaves lie two inches deep in the front yard, disturbed only by wind, snow, rain, and ice. You see, for the first time ever, I did not rake them into fluffy piles. Instead, the discovery that butterflies and moths use leaves and leaf litter for winter protection convinced me to break the timehonored ritual of moving my leaf cover.... *Julie Givler*



# LAND CARE STEWARDS

- **Events:**
- **5 Home Visits**
- Emily Gianfortoni,  
Linda Hazelwood
- 13 volunteer hours
- 7 contacts





**MASTER GARDENER TRAINING CLASS**

EMILY GIANFORTONI, CHRISTY BRENNAN, LINDA HAZELWOOD

9 VOLUNTEER HOURS

19 CONTACTS

5 BOXES OF WORMS GIVEN AWAY

**MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE- LAND CARE BOOTH**

EMILY GIANFORTONI, LINDA HAZELWOOD

12 VOLUNTEER HOURS

30 CONTACTS

**THE BUG BIZARRE**

EMILY GIANFORTONI, LINDA HAZELWOOD

6 VOLUNTEER HOURS

111 CONTACTS

26 BOXES OF WORMS GIVEN AWAY

**TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS: 40**

**TOTAL CONTACTS: 167**

**WORMS GIVEN AWAY: 31**



# SCOTCHTOWN





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## *MAINTAINING HISTORIC GARDENS*

2019 MARKED **SCOTCHTOWN'S 300TH ANNIVERSARY**

TWO MEETINGS EARLY IN YEAR WITH NEW SITE COORDINATOR AND  
MAINTENANCE MANAGER

- OVERVIEW OF CELEBRATION PLANS
- SUMMARY OF GARDEN PROJECT SINCE 2003 INCEPTION

CHRIS BAUM, HANOVER MG, ASSISTED PROJECT COORDINATOR DORIS  
GULLOTTA

**VEGETABLE GARDEN** INCLUDED THIS YEAR IN MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES.

- CHRIS DONATED HERBS AND VEGETABLE PLANTS
- CHRIS AND DORIS CONSTRUCTED BEAN POLES
- SCOTCHTOWN STAFF CONSTRUCTED TOMATO POLES AND HELPED

WITH

MAINTENANCE



## **FLOWER GARDENS (TWO)**

- MAINTENANCE DAYS: WEEDING, PRUNING,  
PLANTING
- REMOVAL OF INVASIVE PLANTS ALONG FENCE,  
AROUND GARDENS

## **EIGHT WORK DAYS IN THREE GARDENS:**

- 49 VOLUNTEERS, 173 HOURS
- PLANTS: MG DONATIONS AND PURCHASES

**FINAL DECEMBER WORK DAY TO REMOVE SPENT  
FOLIAGE, SPREAD PINE BARK**

**MULCH ON THE TWO FORMAL FLOWER GARDENS**

# ■ HMGA Annual Plant Sale

## April 27, 2019

- Funds raised support Community Grants and Educational opportunities for Hanover Master Gardeners
- Preparing for the sale - potting party on 3-30-19  
16 MG worked for 54 hrs.
- Day of Sale 34 MG and 127 Hrs. with 88 contacts at the plant clinics.



**We traveled 921  
hours to volunteer**



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## A PROMISE KEPT...

Ayer Chamberlin was an active Hanover Master Gardener for many years. Upon her passing, HMGA voted to plant a tree in her memory. Several years passed before the actual planting occurred. This fall Ayer was forever memorialized by a Fringe tree at Unity of Bon Air.



## The Story Behind Ayer's Tree

*(E-mail from Joanne Einsmann – 11/6/19)*

Thank you for presenting Unity of Bon Air with an American Fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) in memory of Ayer Chamberlin. Her knowledge, creativity, leadership, energy, and dedication are greatly missed! When we did a field trip to Maymont with Peggy Singleman, their *Chionanthus virginicus* were in full bloom. Ayer and I marveled in their beauty, and she expressed how it would be lovely to have one on our church grounds. So her wish has been fulfilled, thanks to you! Several of our Garden Team members chose a spot near the left side of the church entrance so anyone entering the church will enjoy it, especially when in bloom.

I am deeply grateful for this splendid memorial, for Pattie locating this beautiful specimen, and Wayne for delivering and planting it. It is an honor for me to be a part of this amazing organization!

Ayer may no longer be with us in body, but she is in spirit. This lovely specimen will serve as a reminder of Ayer and all her attributes. Thank you!

With gratitude,  
Joanne



***Wayne Bryant and Joanne Einsmann  
admire the American Fringetree they  
planted in memory of Ayer Chamberlin.  
Thanks to Pattie Bland for selecting such  
a nice one!***



*When there's a tree to plant,  
Wayne "hops to it!"*



*Where did all this clay  
come from?*



*Let's remove the clay and  
add some "good stuff!"*



*Joanne adds some more  
nutrition to the hole.*



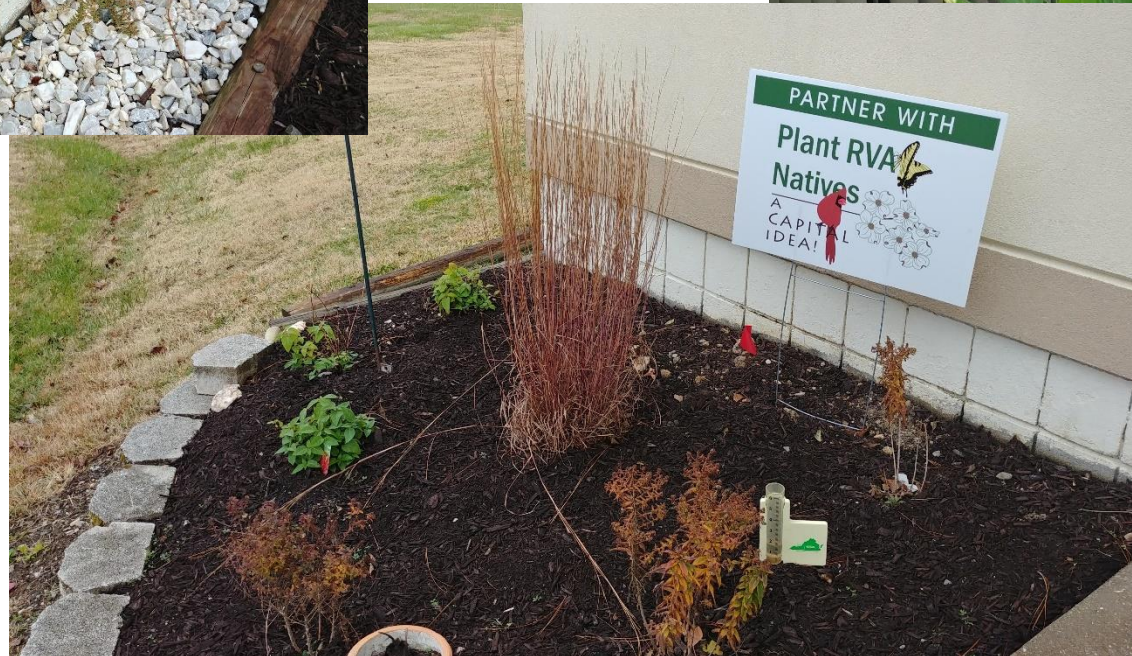
*Is this the best side?*



*Looks pretty good!  
Ayer would be pleased!*



# NATIVE PLANT GARDEN AT EXTENSION OFFICE





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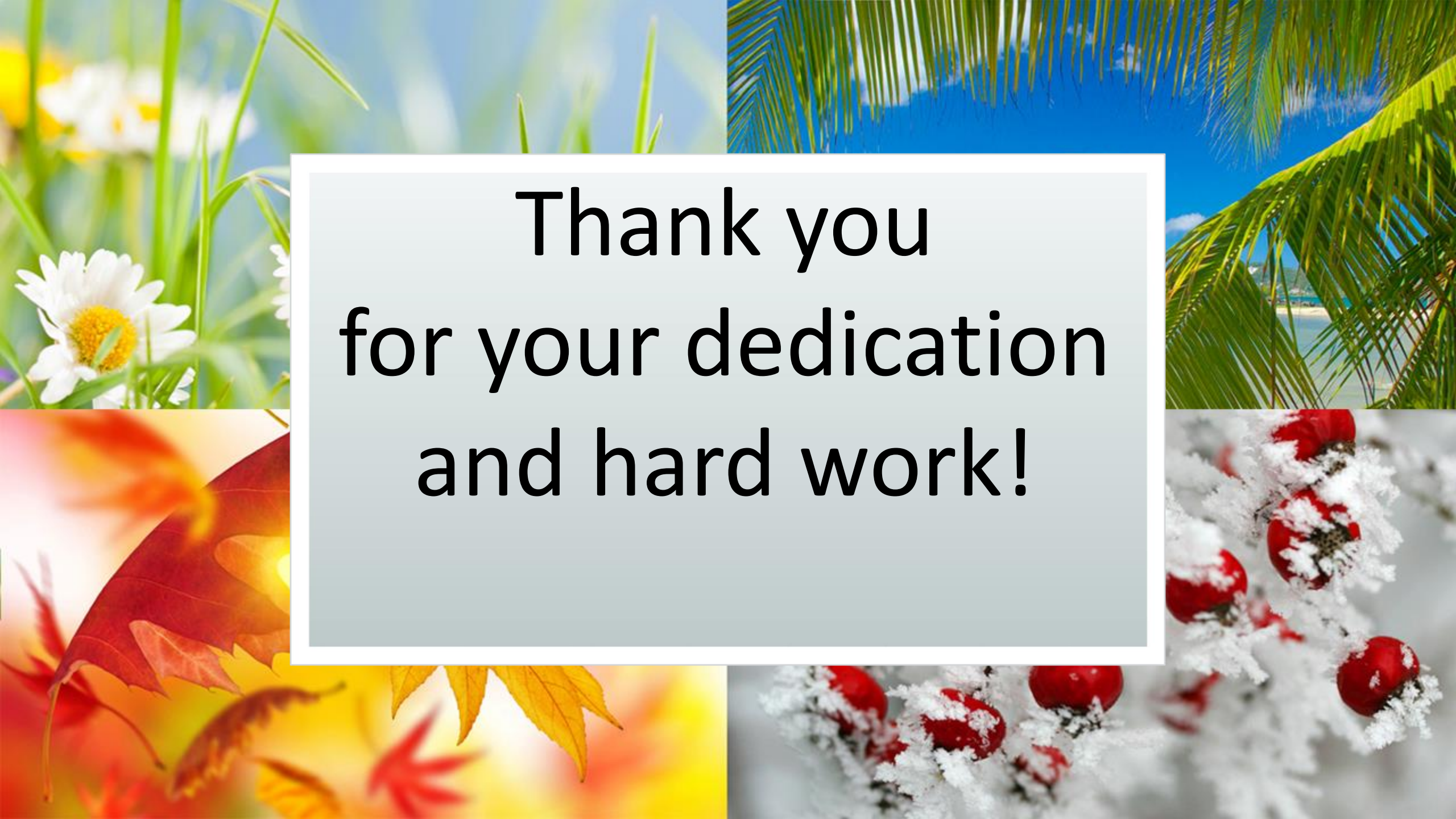


# OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2020

- Hanover County 300th birthday
- Increase Youth programming
- Plan 2021 Course
- New Plant Clinic times and locations
- Extension Office increase in space

■ How can you help?

■ **ASK and  
OFFER**



Thank you  
for your dedication  
and hard work!