

# 2020 Hanover Master Gardeners



**Successes in a Challenging Year**



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**Extension Master Gardeners  
are trained volunteer educators. We  
work within our 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.**



**. . . and in March 2020 when outreach became a bit more challenging, Hanover Master Gardeners still connected with citizens to deliver great information!**

**Much of our outreach was**

***CANCELLED***





# Spring Plant Sale Plant Clinics Speakers' Bureau Youth programming State Fair



**All OFF the 2020 schedule.  
But still we reached out . . .**

# Whom did we serve in 2020?

## 2019 TOTAL CONTACTS: 6684

▪ White	5719
▪ Black	505
▪ American Indian	29
▪ Hispanic	98
▪ Asian	196
▪ Pacific Islander	14
▪ Unknown	123

## 2020 TOTAL CONTACTS: 5394

▪ White	808
▪ Black	27
▪ American Indian	1
▪ Hispanic	3
▪ Asian	1
▪ Pacific Islander	0
▪ Unknown	4554



## Hanover MGs by the numbers:

**2019**

**39,212 miles**

**1751 C.E. hours**

**7550 volunteer hours**

**2020**

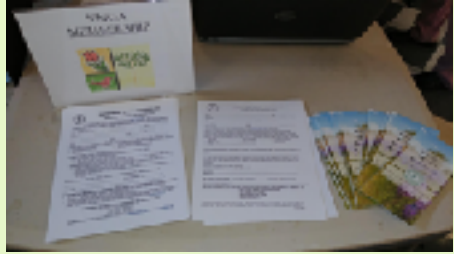
**14,275 miles**

**1664 C.E.hours**

**2464 volunteer hours**

**Great factoid: 37 MGs attended Virtual Master Gardener College!**

# Virginia Master Gardener Association February 8 @ HEFC



# Master Gardener Meetings - Assn and Member-led

Ginny Nicholas, VP and Coordinator

<u>Month</u>	<u># attendees</u>	<u>Topic/member-led (ml) or guest speaker (gs)</u>
January	30	Three Major Plant Diseases (ml)
February	44	Botanical Art and Journaling (gs)
March	16	Roses & Care (ml)
April	-	No meeting
May	24-virtual	The Socrates Project (ml)
June	canceled	rescheduled for Dec (gs)
July	10-virtual	Gardens & Produce Safety (ml)
August	11-virtual	Origins of Soil & Plant Life (ml)
September	picnic canceled	rescheduled for Mar 2021 (gs)
October	17	Working with the Public (ml)
November	canceled	rescheduled for Feb 2021
December	37	Native Trees and Their Benefit to Wildlife (gs)



**Total:**

**8 meetings**

**6 member-led**

**2 guest speakers**

**4 virtual**

**2 meetings/speakers rescheduled**

# Master Gardener Training Class

11 trainees @ Woodside Farms, January-March





# MG Trainee Project Presentations

March 2020



# **Land Care Stewards**

**(Emily Gianfortoni Christy Brennan, Linda Hazelwood, Pattie Bland)**

**Master Gardener Training Class - January 28,30**

**Emily - Nutrient Management**

**Pattie - Soil Testing**

**Christy - Composting**

**Linda - Vermicomposting**

**Volunteer Hours-24/Contacts-37**

**Home Visit/Site Training - Mike Little's home - February 19**

**LCS's: Emily, Linda, Pattie and 7 Master Gardeners**

**Volunteer Hours-20**

**HGS presentation: "Don't Waste Your Yard Waste" - August 13**

**Emily, Pattie, Christy, Linda**

**Volunteer Hours-4**

**Total Volunteer Hours-48/Total Contacts-37**





# Help Desk

## Val Kish, Coordinator

In April, Help Desk went remote: Val, Emily Gianfortoni and Mike Little responded to inquiries with excellent turnaround time.

Interns' training: Val assigned 12 actual, previously answered queries as practice scenarios to 8 of the 2020 Interns, who reported their answers weekly. To date, 3 interns have completed their required 4 hours on Help Desk. This training will return in 2021!

Total contacts: 295 (8 walk-in, 99 emails, 188 phone calls)





# Grants Committee

Beckey Watson, Mary Wagner, Betty Jane Hughes, Doris Gullotta, Mike Little

- Awarded 1 Roddey Jones Memorial Grant
- New Song United Methodist Church - Mechanicsville
  - To establish raised beds for vegetables, donate to those in need
  - To host educational events when appropriate
- Mary Wagner met with Katie Payne, Exec Dir, for site visit



# Home Gardening Series

## Virtual HGS!



- 26 sessions
- Thursdays, 3:00 p.m.
- April-October
- YouTube - 458 views
- Facebook - 4096 views
- Partner: Henrico Extension

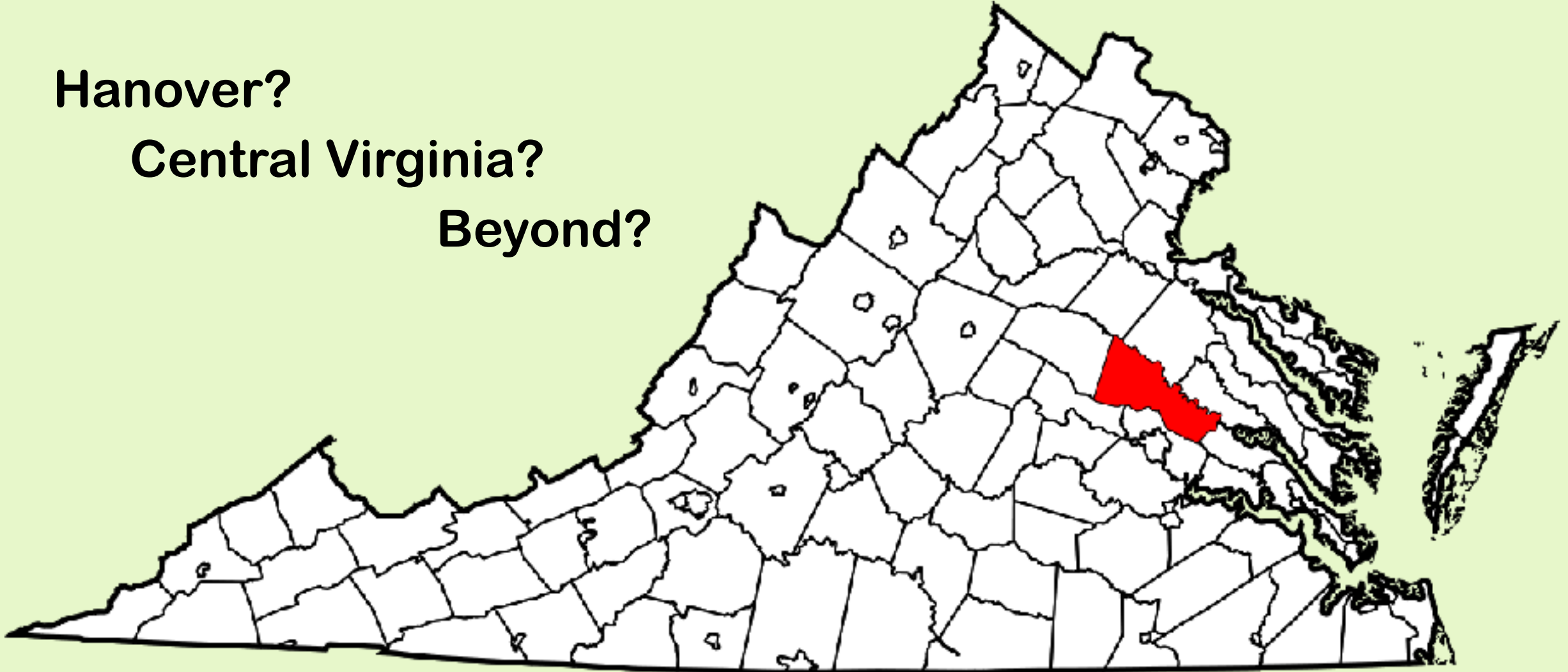


# Virtual HGS: How Wide an Audience?

Hanover?

Central Virginia?

Beyond?



# Communications

Betty Jane Hughes, Coordinator



The HMGA website ([hanovermastergardeners.org](http://hanovermastergardeners.org)) remained a good source of information for the public and MGs:

- Info on gardening questions
- How to find Virtual HGS presentations
- Articles of interest
- Info on Roddey Jones Hort Grants

HMGA website hits now total over 3500 public and 700 “for members only”.

Other communications:

- VMS weekly calendar, “check-in” emails, HMGA Board member phone calls to MGs
- MG-authored newspaper articles . . . and speaking of articles . . .

**Newspaper articles:  
Horticultural, Environmental topics  
Julie Givler, Coordinator**

**Eight articles submitted to the Mechanicsville, Ashland-Hanover Locals:**



**Deadheading — Julie Givler**

**Squash the Squash Bug — Julie Givler**

**Cabbage Worm — Rebecca Blake**

**Keeping a Garden Journal — Annette Schanz**

**Leaves into Lawn Mulch — Dave Myers**

**Interpreting Soil Sample Results — Taylor Adams**

**Blueberry Culture — Dave Myers**

**Hydrangea Health — Julie Givler**





# Scotchtown

## Doris Gullotta, Coordinator

In March, work commenced . . .

### Kitchen vegetable/herb garden

- Becky Blake managed
- Purchased heritage seeds and plants from Monticello to plant
- Seasonal vegetables planted throughout spring, summer and fall
- Scotchtown staff person assisted with maintenance and planting

### Compost bin constructed

- Jane White, along with husband, Bobby, purchased materials
- Jane and Doris constructed the bin April 9 and placed it by fence near formal gardens
- All plant material will go into the bin and, when seasoned, will be placed on the vegetable garden

### Formal gardens work

- Removed two Japanese hollies in July
- Thinned day lilies, donated to Scotchtown staff
- In November, replanted butterfly weed, installed two native hydrangeas where hollies had been
- In December, final cleanup and spreading pine tag mulch

Total: 6 work days/30 volunteers/80 volunteer hours



# Scotchtown

Planting native hydrangeas . . .





# Native Plant Garden - Extension Office

Anchored with natives . . .



Seed from this garden will help supply packets for Mech Library's Jan 30 Seed Saver Day



. . . jazzed with colorful annuals



# Outdoor Meetings

HMGA Board Meetings  
MG Applicant Interviews  
Lawnchair Lunches

“Who are those masked persons?”





# Opportunities for 2021

How can you help? Ask and offer!

Seed Saver (Virtual) at Mech Library - Jan 30

Virtual HGS January-March

MG Training Class January-March

Zoom Squad

Help Desk

Better Impact (new vol management system)

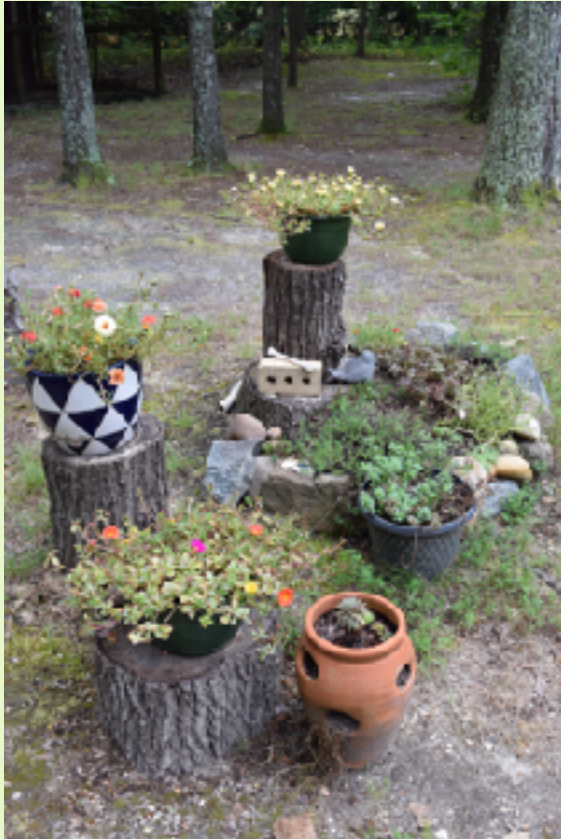
Lawnchair Lunches (yes, even in Winter!)

Scotchtown

Spring Plant Sale

Plant Clinics?

And more!



# Hanover Home Gardening Series Winter 2021

<http://www.hanovermastergardeners.org/>

**Subject to change – please consult above website. Offered free of charge - no sign up necessary.**

Topic	Date Scheduled	Location	Presenter
Bats	January 16	Atlee Library 10:30 AM -12 noon	Richard Wood
Blueberries: Nature's Gift	January 23	Atlee Library 10:30 AM -12 noon	Dave Myers
Seed Saving	February 6	Atlee Library 10:30 AM -12 noon	Ed Wall
Bees	February 13	Atlee Library 10:30 AM -12 noon	Brenda Burke
Natural Color and Dyeing	February 20	Atlee Library 10:30 AM -12 noon	Haylie Zapantis
Firewise Landscaping and Practices	February 27	Atlee Library 10:30 AM -12 noon	L Hazelwood, E Gianfortoni, C Brennan
Introducing Native Shrubs and Groundcover to the Home Landscape	March 6	Atlee Library 10:30 AM -12 noon	Mike Little
Monarchs	March 13	Atlee Library 10:30 AM -12 noon	Patricia Bruker
Water Quality in Your Back Yard	March 20	Atlee Library 10:30 AM -12 noon	Pattie Bland



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# 2021 Master Gardener Training Class

RVA Virtual Training: Hanover, Henrico, Richmond, Chesterfield, Powhatan-Goochland  
... and 16 virtual planning meetings for Hanover VCE



## Twelve Trainees

Janet Bailey  
Katrina Hart  
Katherine Hebert  
Susannah Merritt  
Corinna Muldowney  
Kevin Muldowney  
Crystal Nelson  
Becky Ross  
Melanie Smith  
Katrina Suarez  
Caroline Valasquez  
Jamaal Willis

# 2021 HMGA Board

- **Pattie Bland – President**
- **Annette Schanz – Vice President**
- **Wayne Bryant – Secretary**
- **Pat Reyes – Treasurer**
- **Christy Brennan**
- **Julie Givler**
- **Linda Hazelwood**
- **Betty Jane Hughes**
- **Jane White**
- **Lisa Willis**



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**Master Gardeners, Laura, Angelette, Sharonda and Missy:  
Thank you for your dedication and hard work!**

