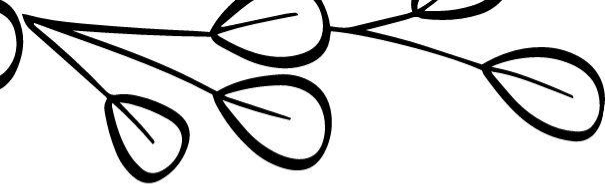




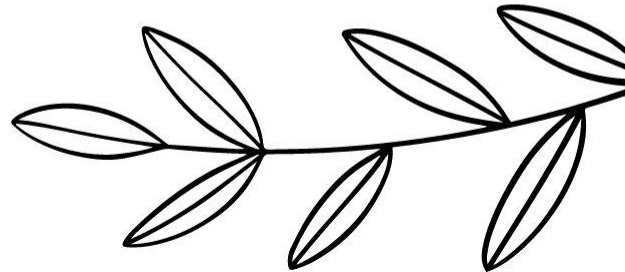
# **Hanover Master Gardeners** 2022 Annual Report



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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.**



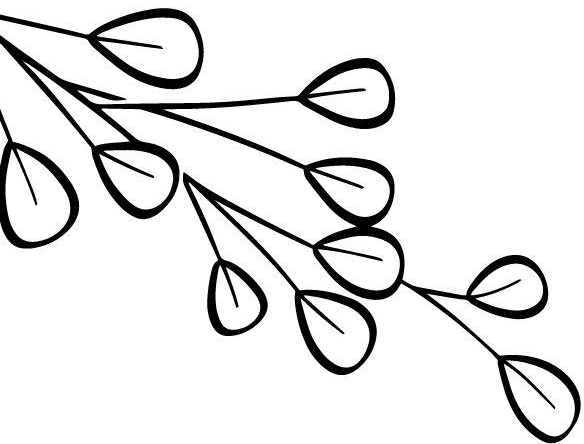




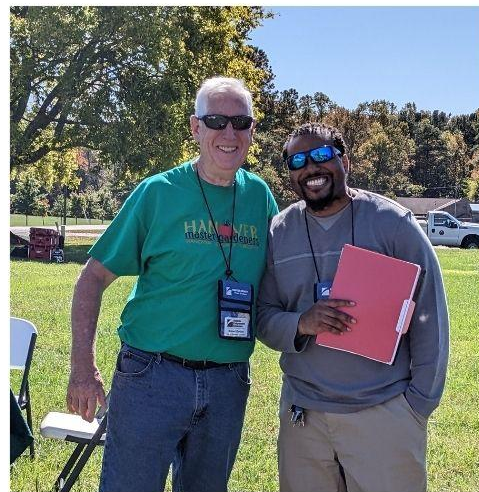
**The Master Gardener program brings the resources of Virginia's land-grant universities – Virginia Tech and Virginia State University – to the people of the Commonwealth.**



# Volunteer Hours 2022



7,254  
Total  
Volunteer  
Hours



98  
Master  
Gardener  
Volunteers



**3,141 Hours**  
**Public Education**

**2,164 Hours**  
**Continuing Education**

**951 Hours**  
**Administrative Help**

**607 Hours**  
**Plant Clinics**

**319 Hours**  
**Horticulture Learning Center**





# 12,300 Direct Contacts

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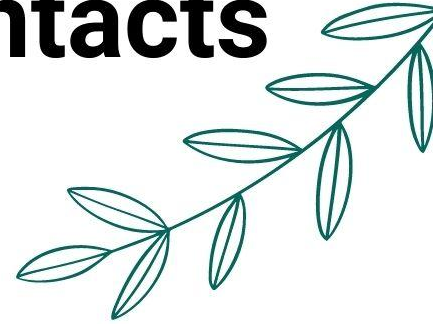


# 248 Indirect Contacts

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# 15,640.5 Total Mileage





# Land Care Stewards

## Activities

2022 Training Class - "Fertilizers and Soil Amendments" co-led with Emily Gianfortoni  
HGS - "Water Quality"

MG College at VA Tech - Presentation on Hanover Land Care

Stewards' programming and activity - co-led with Emily Gianfortoni

Home Visit to Bell Creek Senior Community

2022 MG Training Class - "Fertilizers and Soil Amendments" co-led with Pattie Bland

MG College Presentation to LCS Training Class - co-led with Pattie Bland

Team to Beaverdam Elementary School

Home Visits Team to Madison Springs HOA

Gardenbrook HOA with Home Visits Team

Home Visit to Bell Creek Senior Community with Home Visits Team

2022 MG Training Class - "Vermicomposting Presentation"

Home Visit to Beaverdam Elementary School

Home Visit to Gardenbrook HOA

Home Visit to Bell Creek Senior Community

# 136 Total Contacts 105.5 Total Hours





# Home Visit Program

The team visits HOAs, schools, and homes that have requested suggestions for projects. Following each site visit, the Home Visit Team researches and prepares a comprehensive written summary of our findings and recommendations including links to relevant science-based information and fact sheets on suggested plants.

**In 2022 the team visited and provided information to one school and three HOAs.** A visit to the Atlee Little League grounds to offer advice for native plantings is planned next.

We welcome anyone interested in joining the Home Visit Team. A training meeting is planned for early in 2023. Contact Emily Gianfortoni ([ewellsgian@gmail.com](mailto:ewellsgian@gmail.com)) for more information.

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# Gleaning



12 Gleanings  
9 Pantries  
47 Deliveries

Raspberries - 137 pints  
Blackberries - 666 pints  
Corn - 38 bushels  
Misc veggies: 10 bushels  
Watermelons - 332 (6640 lb = 3.32 tons)



# Help Desk

**355 contacts** (phone calls, emails, and walk-ins)

This is **the highest number of contacts** in the same time period when compared with 2019, 2020, and 2021.

**The 2022 Help Desk Team of volunteers is dedicated to answering questions from the public.** The Team: Christine Baum, Cindy Barrow, Pat Bruker, Emily Gianfortoni, Marie Johnson, Val Kish (Lead), Mike Little, Rosemary Wilkinson, Joan VanDervort.





## Grants Committee

**Beaverdam Elementary School:** Native Plants and Pollinator Garden created for students for permanent plant identification. 50 participants, 5-10 volunteers; 300+ viewed by entire school and staff

**Camp Hanover:** Requested a drip irrigation system to relieve labor-intensive hand watering and lumber for fence. 300 participants ages 5-18 yrs old; 50 volunteers.

**Rural Point Elementary School:** Removal of invasives, soil replenishment, herbs, and milkweed planted in school garden. 550 participants Grades K-5; 8-10 volunteers

**Inquiries:** from Will Vehrs, brother of Nancy Vehrs, President of Virginia Native Plant Society, about installing native plants at the Atlee Little League Complex.



# Home Gardening Series

**11 Presentations in 2022**

**Locations:** Atlee and Mechanicsville Libraries

**2023:** We have partnered with Atlee Library so that we can have better access to their facility and allows us to schedule well in advance.





## Presenters | January – March 2022 | In-Person & Virtual

Ed Wall – Starting Your Plants from Seeds

Pattie Bland – Water Quality in Our Backyard

Dave Myers – Crape Myrtles

Rebecca Ross – Mushrooms

Becky Blake – Planning a Summer Dye Garden

~ HGS Helpers: Veronica Cosby, Kristy Gahn, Katherine

Hebert, Angelette Pryor, September Sickinger, Jennifer

Trainham, Caroline Velazquez, Jamaal Willis

~Coordinator: Katrina Hart

## Presenters | October – December 2022 | In-Person

Betty Jane Hughes – House Plants

Anne Margaret White – Ferns in Your Home Garden

Brenda Burke/Katherine Hebert – The Oaks of Hanover

Pattie Bland – The Necessity and Practices for Good Soils

Taylor Adams – Climate Change for Locals

Irene Ramey – Rain Gardens

~ HGS Helpers: Joy Antrim, Brenda Burke, Kristy Gahn,

Katherine Hebert, Susan Higgins, Susie Knuth, Sandy

Pence, Angelette Pryor, Jennifer Trainham, Richard Wood

~Coordinator: Katrina Hart

## Hanover Master Gardeners HOME GARDENING SERIES

@ Atlee Library | Saturdays 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

<b>OCTOBER 15, 2022</b> House Plants Betty Jane Hughes	<b>JANUARY 7, 2023</b> Peanuts Haylie Zapantis
<b>OCTOBER 29, 2022</b> Ferns in Your Home Garden Anne Margaret White	<b>JANUARY 21, 2023</b> The Beauty of Herbs – Companion Planting Katrina Hart
<b>NOVEMBER 5, 2022</b> The Oaks of Hanover Brenda Burke   Katherine Hebert	<b>FEBRUARY 4, 2023</b> Pruning Doris Gullotta
<b>NOVEMBER 19, 2022</b> The Necessity and Practices for Good Soils Pattie Bland	<b>FEBRUARY 18, 2023</b> A Fresh Look at Strawberries Dian McConnel
<b>DECEMBER 3, 2022</b> Climate Change for Locals Taylor Adams	<b>MARCH 4, 2023</b> Tips for Preventing Disease in Hydrangeas Joan VanDervort
<b>DECEMBER 17, 2022</b> Rain Gardens Irene Ramey	<b>MARCH 18, 2023</b> Reasons to Avoid Pesticides in Your Landscape Emily Gianfortoni

**No registration necessary - walk-ins welcome!**



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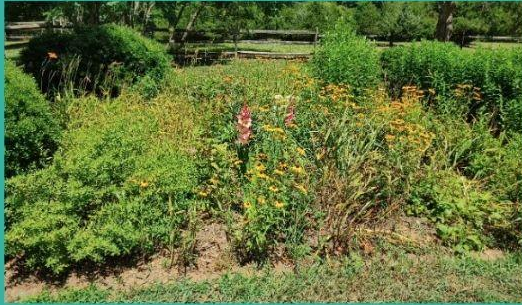
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If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Laura Massey Neff, Hanover Unit at 804-752-4310/7504 during business hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. \*TDD number is (800) 828-1125.



# Scotchtown Gardens

**Kitchen Garden:** Added Native Americans and African Americans plants including okra, black-eyed peas, peanuts, Three Sisters (corn, beans, and squash). Also planted herbs, tomatoes, onions, various root vegetables and cool weather greens.



**Perennial Gardens:** Prepared for major renovations in 2022-23 by removing bulbs to plant future perennials in clumps so they can be more easily labeled.

**4 Gardens:** Dye Garden, Kitchen Garden, 2 Perennial Gardens

**6 Garden Works Days** (33 Ms, 91 hours)

**2 Scotchtown Events** (22 MGs, 70 hours)

**1 Planning Meeting** (14 MGs, two site coordinators from Preservation VA)

**2023:** Increase Dye Garden to include plants for fabric making (flax, hemp, cotton). Add tobacco and broom straw for the colonial experience.





# Native Plant Garden

## Extension Office

Successful Native Landscape Garden

Planting Container added

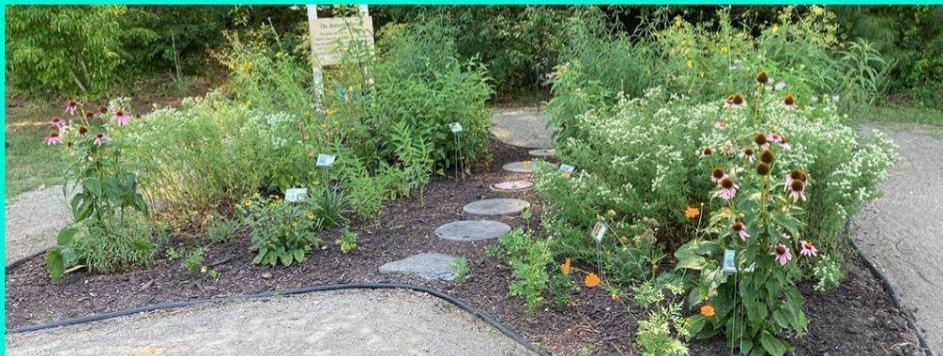
Pansies planted for the winter

2023: more opportunities to  
experiment with the garden!





# Butterfly Garden in Pole Green Park



The garden was constructed in 1999 in a joint effort by the Hanover County Parks and Recreation EarthSavers Club and HMGA with the help of donations from the community.



After years of neglect, Laurel Mathew (LGBG) replanted the garden and the MGs started maintaining it again, and it is an excellent example of butterfly-loving plants. All of the plants have labels giving their names plus additional information. Most plants are native or cultivars of natives and are for dry areas. The garden is a pollinator magnet visited by a variety of bees, wasps, and flies of all sorts.





# Horticultural Learning Center



Ground was broken on a Horticultural Learning Center in Hanover County on October 14.

The Horticultural Learning Center will be a space for public education, demonstrating research-based gardening practices which can be incorporated into the home setting.

## Hanover County Press Releases

Posted on: October 18, 2022

### Ground broken on new Horticultural Learning Center

Ground was broken on a Horticultural Learning Center in Hanover County on October 14. The center, a multi-year project undertaken by Hanover Master Gardeners, will sit on 1.10 acres next to the Taylor Complex building at 13015 Taylor Complex Lane, Ashland VA 23005.

County Administrator John A. Budesky said the center will serve the community for many years to come. He noted that agriculture is still the #1 business in Hanover County and thanked the Master Gardeners for their work, including providing much volunteer support to the County's COVID-19 community vaccination efforts.





# Master Gardener College @ Virginia Tech

10 Attendees



HMGA supported 3 Master Gardeners in attendance with \$500 scholarships each. It was great to be back “in person” at Virginia Tech for MG College. A speaker heard at college is serving as a consultant for the Horticulture Learning Center water harvesting system.

# Plant Clinics

607 Hours

**9 Clinic Locations:** State Fair, Ashland Farmers Market, Ashland Strawberry Faire, Hanover Extension Office, Herbs Galore at Maymont, Lewis Ginter, Lowe's, Montpelier Farmers Market, Scotchtown







# Bug Bizarre

3rd Annual Event with the  
Henrico Extension

535 Visitors

251 children

29 Exhibits

57 Volunteers



# Hanover County Annual Ag Day



**1,268 Contacts**

**All 3rd Graders in  
Hanover County Public  
Schools attended**

**2 Day event at the  
Meadow Event Park**





# Hanover Tomato Festival





# State Fair of Virginia

The Master Gardener Booth was focused on **Decomposers** and included Vermicomposting demonstration and composting demonstrations.

Friday, September 23rd through Sunday, Oct 2nd, 2022

**Over 3,399 contacts**







## Rural Point Elementary School

The Fall cleanup of the garden with parents and teacher was a success!

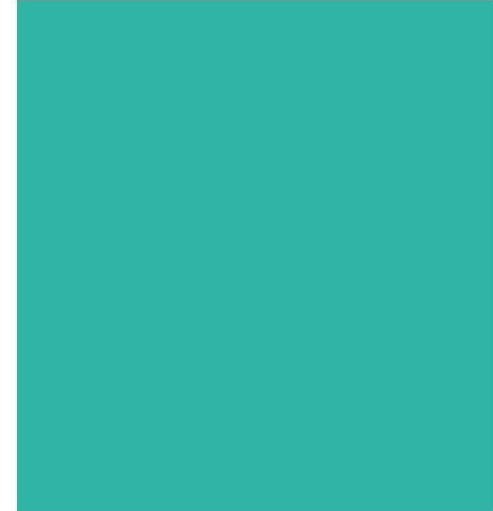
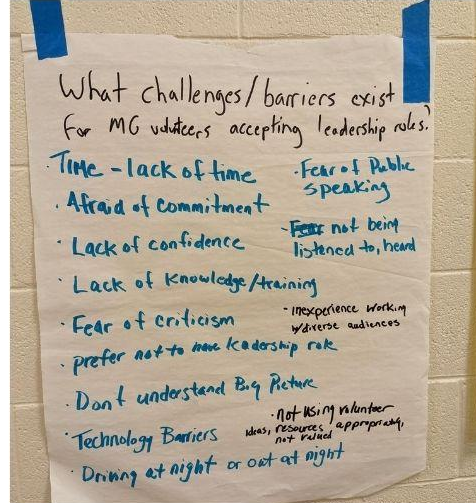
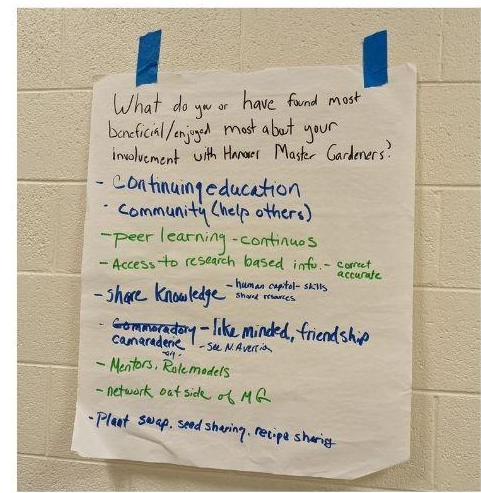
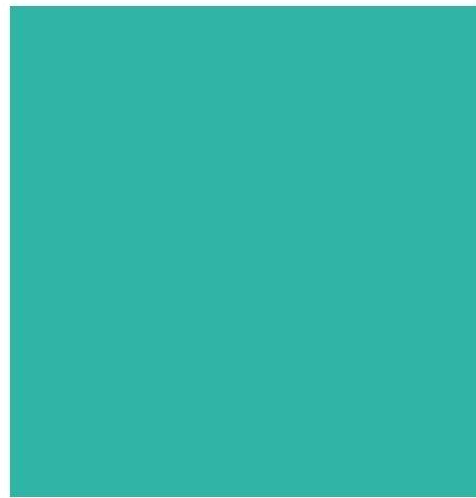
The MGs worked alongside the parents and teachers sharing gardening knowledge and all about the Master Gardener program. Benefit to the MGs was the opportunity to **garden together** and **share knowledge with the public**, two of the most mentioned reasons for being a Master Gardener.



# Surveys

We conducted 2 surveys this year: Qualtrics Pre-Survey and Master Gardener Survey 2022

Facilitated discussion about results at a HMGA meeting





# Speaker Requests

Pat Bruker - Monarchs - Old Ivy Garden Club

Katrina Hart - Veggies - Hanover Women's Club

Taylor Adams - New Plants & Bugs - Mechanicsville Ruritan Club

Dave Myers - Hostas - Old Ivy Garden Club

Mike Little - Native Plants - Randolph-Macon Lunch & Learn

Betty Jane Hughes - Houseplants - Covenant Woods

Joan VanDervort - Hydrangeas - Clay Spring Garden Club



# Richmond Times-Dispatch

## Master Gardener brings 'farm to table' experience to Covenant Woods

By Christina Amano Dolan Editor Jul 19, 2022 0



Joel Klein/For the Local

## Hanover again celebrates the apple of its eye: tomatoes

By JEFF E. SCHAPIRO Richmond Times-Dispatch Jul 16, 2022 0



The Hanover Tomato Festival returned to Pole Green Park in Hanover County on Friday and continued with limited hours on Saturday, 7/16/2022. The festival featuring Hanover tomatoes also featured crafts, music, food and activities for children and pets. David Fuller with Hanover Parks and Recreation showed off the condition of a box of tomatoes for a customer making a purchase.

JAMES H WALLACE/TIMES-DISPATCH



# 2022 Master Gardener Training Class

10 Trainees

Co-lead by **Jane White** and **Kate Sandy**

Held at **Covenant Woods Retirement Community**

Cathy Nault  
Bill Drumheller  
Tyler Wallace  
Susan Higgins  
Joe Thompson  
Anne Margaret White  
Dian McConnel (transfer from Michigan)  
Ellen Thompson  
Henri Tosoc-Haskell  
Joan VanDervort  
Irene Ramey



# 2023 Master Gardener Training Class

Welcome to the 15 trainees (and there is a waiting list)!

## 2023 Hanover Master Gardener Course



Honeybees and native plant, Blazing Star (Liatris spicata)

**DATES:** January 10- March 31, 2023

**TIME:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00-9:00pm

**LOCATION:** Extension Office, 13015 Taylor Complex Lane, Ashland, VA 23005

### OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 1:00-5:00pm at the Extension Office

**DEADLINE TO APPLY:** Friday, October 14, 2022

**COST:** \$200 (60 HOURS CLASS LECTURE + 50 HOURS VOLUNTEER WORK)

*\*NOTE: If COVID restrictions are reinstated, classes will be conducted virtually.\**

**MORE INFORMATION:** <https://hanover.ext.vt.edu/get-involved.html>

<https://hanovermastergardeners.org/>

**ONLINE APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND HERE:** <http://bittr.im/vr478>



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\*Cost increases to \$200 from \$125.

Holly Owens  
Steve Karcher  
Sherri Prunty  
Ronni McCord  
Noel Oakes  
Bill Wittig  
Mary Corbett  
Alexia Miles

Lily Nash  
Scott Bateman  
Mitch McClintock  
Marianna Vermeer  
Janice Thomas  
Bosha Nelson  
Kathy Davis



# 2023 HMGA Board

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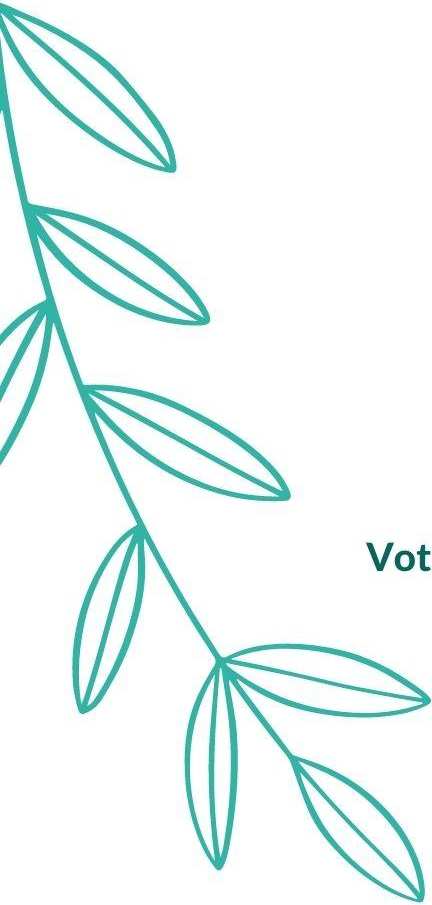
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Sammye Daou  
Bob Durbin  
Doris Gullotta





# 2023 Master Gardener Opportunities



The Horticulture Learning Center will be the prime activity for 2023.

This exciting opportunity needs support from all; whether that means digging in the dirt of helping to plan activities. VCE policies have been reviewed and will be discussed with MGs/Trainees and Interns early January. **The policy for required activities for Interns 2023 and for each MG to support a minimum of 2 hours for the Horticulture Learning Center for 2023 will be active January 2023.** More information is forthcoming along with information about re-enrollment, etc. via Better Impact.

Each activity will be evaluated later in the year to determine if it will be continued. These are exciting times and growth and new activities are happening!







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# Thank You

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