

Questionnaire for WV Master Gardeners & Extension Agents

A. Questions 1-7 are about your county's master gardener training.

	2007	2008	2009
1. How many trainees went through the master gardener training?			
2. How many passed the exam?			
3. How many were certified?			
4. Training course: a. How many class meetings were in the course? b. How many hours was each class?			
5. Were any classes offered online? (Circle one) Yes No b. If yes, how many trainees opted for this learning method?			
6. When were training sessions held? D – Daytime (before 5:00 p.m.) N – Night-time (5:00 p.m. or later) B – Both			
7. Average Attendance: a. How many trainees were present for daytime sessions? b. How many trainees were present for night-time sessions?			

B. Questions 8-18 are about your county's master gardener organization.

8. Do you have a reward or recognition program for the master gardeners? (Check one)

- Yes
- No

9. Describe how master gardeners are rewarded. (Type of rewards; where and how often master gardeners are rewarded)

10. Number of master gardeners in program

- _____ 2005
- _____ 2006
- _____ 2007
- _____ 2008
- _____ 2009

11. Do you have master gardener mentors for your trainees? (Check one)

- Yes
- No

12. If you answered yes to question 11, how long do you think master gardeners who were mentored stayed active in your county's program?

- _____ Less than 1 year
- _____ 1 year
- _____ 2 years
- _____ 3 years
- _____ 4 years
- _____ 5 years
- _____ More than 5 years
- _____ Don't know

13. If you answered no to question 11, do you think a mentoring program would increase member retention? (Check one)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

14. What types of programs are your master gardeners involved in? **Make a list, then rank them in order by the amount of chapter participation.**

If a program is missing from the list, add the name, then rank the programs in order.

Example: If your chapter spends the most time annually working on a community garden, assign it a 1 - for the highest number of service hours, 2 - for the next highest service hours, etc.

- _____ Community garden
- _____ Garden hotline
- _____ Public workshop
- _____ Youth program
- _____ Senior program
- _____ Lecture series
- _____ County Fair
- _____ Other (please name)
- _____ Other (please name)
- _____ Other (please name)
- _____ Other (please name)

Add a comment if you wish.

15. Meetings:

a. How many master gardener meetings are held annually? _____

Example: 10 per year. Add a comment if you wish.

b. Are attendance records kept?

- Yes
- No

16. Give the name of the county (or counties) that make up your master gardener program.

17. Check your role in the program.

- Master gardener
- Extension agent
- Other (please identify)

<p>18.</p> <p>a. When does your county hold its business meetings?</p> <p>b. How many master gardeners were present at the meetings?</p>	<p>Indicate D, N, Both, or N/A in space below.</p> <p>D - Daytime (before 5:00 p.m.)</p> <p>N - Night (5:00 p.m. or after)</p> <p>Both - held D and N business meetings in that month</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Write # of MG's present</p> <p>2007</p>	<p>Write # of MG's present</p> <p>2008</p>	<p>Write # of MG's present</p> <p>2009</p>
	<p>Example 1: Sept 2009 - N</p> <p>Example 2: Oct 2009 - Both</p>			<p>14</p> <p>D 15 N 16</p>
JAN				
FEB				
MAR				
APRIL				
MAY				
JUNE				
JULY				
AUG				
SEPT				
OCT				
NOV				
DEC				

C. Questions 19 – 21 are about your master gardener volunteers.

19. How many master gardeners are on your county's membership list? _____

20. Is your membership list divided into active and inactive members?
(Check one) _____Yes _____No

b. If yes, give the number of active members _____

c. If yes, give the number of inactive members _____

21. What are the **most common reasons** your master gardeners gave for becoming inactive or leaving the program?

Use the scale provided to **assign a number to each reason below** indicating how often it has been used by your master gardener group.

1 – Very Often 2 – Often 3 – Sometimes 4 – Almost Never 5 – Never

___4___ Example: Did not like getting their fingernails dirty

___ ___ Moved out of the area

___ ___ Did not have enough time due to a change in their work status

___ ___ Lost interest in the program

___ ___ Had serious family issues such as divorce, illness, or death in family

___ ___ Health problems or physical limitations prevented further participation

___ ___ Had a personality conflict with another member of the group

___ ___ Decided to participate in a different volunteer program or social organization

___ ___ Died

___ ___ Other (please specify)