

Multnomah County Master Gardener™ Association
Growing, Educating, and Connecting Communities

2024 Membership Renewal

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Do Not publish my information in the directory.

My information is unchanged from 2023. **Please use the same information for 2024.**

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Best Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Year you took MG training: _____

Membership Dues & Employer Matching

Please itemize your payment as follows:

Membership Dues – Sliding Scale* \$ _____

Tax deductible donation to the chapter (Tax ID# 30-0064570) \$ _____

Total amount paid \$ _____

Does your employer match your contributions or volunteer hours? Yes ___ No ___

Please make checks payable to **“Multnomah County Master Gardeners”**.

Please mail membership renewal form and payment to:

Heidi Nichols
17000 SE Wooded Heights Drive
Happy Valley, OR 97086

*The Chapter offers membership on a sliding scale beginning at \$7 (the amount MCMG pays OMGA for each member), with a suggested membership fee of \$30 or more. **Please choose an amount that works for you.** If you can contribute beyond the suggested minimum, your donation will support the Chapter’s activities and helps to replace revenue lost due to the Covid-19 cancellations of our 2020, 2021, and 2022 fundraisers. Any amount more than \$20 may be counted as a tax-deductible charitable donation.*

Volunteer Interest Categories

Active member participation is crucial to our success!

We have a variety of volunteer activities ranging from one-time projects to on-going committee and board work. Some of the activities involve scheduled meetings and/or events, but much of it is work that can be done remotely on your own schedule. Are you interested in chairing an event or committee? Want to start off small and work on just one aspect of an event? Or maybe it's somewhere in between. Regardless, we can find the perfect volunteer spot for you.

Please indicate which of the following areas you are interested in joining or learning more about.

Fundraising

Fundraising is crucial to our organization. The Incredible Edibles Sale remains our largest and most visible fundraiser, but we also raise funds through raffle, merchandise, book, and native plant sales. A tremendous amount of up-front planning goes into these events, and we also depend on a large contingent of volunteers the day of an event.

Member Connect

Help build community and strengthen the bond with fellow MGs by joining the Member Services group. We welcome individuals to help with annual membership renewals, awards & recognition, volunteer retention & coordination, and creating fun member events (i.e., harvest festival, greens gathering, garden tours, field trips.)

Education

Education is at the core of who we are. Volunteers plan and lead workshops and presentations, as well as work behind the scenes to organize valuable educational events such as Education in the Garden, community garden classes, and the monthly Speaker Series. Even during times that we do not have in-person contact due to Covid safety precautions, we remain innovative and keep education central. For example, we work with community partners to distribute gardening supplies and information to gardeners throughout diverse communities. We share relevant science-based gardening information through social media.

Communication

Communication comes in many forms and has become even more important in the digital age. This committee is responsible for producing the eNews and Grapevine newsletters and managing the MCMGA website and social media presence. All volunteers are welcome and, in particular, we are looking for volunteers with experience in writing, photography, and social media.

Demonstration Garden

The Demo Garden is ground zero when it comes to hands-on gardening. Volunteers help with the mechanics of the garden (building & repairing raised beds, irrigation systems), actively garden (planting, weeding, pruning, harvesting), and perform the necessary behind-the-scenes tasks (reporting, community liaison, Backyard Certification program). And through it all, you get to volunteer shoulder-to-shoulder with some of the most experienced MGs in the county.

Have an idea or a project that you're thinking of? Have questions or comments to share? We'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to us at info@multnomahmastergardeners.org!