



The Colonial Master Gardener

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY GARY STREB

"It usually starts with one plant. You are a non-gardener until your Valentine gives you an azalea. Or your mother brings over a philodendron when you move into your new apartment. Or you go the hospital with pneumonia and come back with a streptocarpus."

-- Barbara Damrosch, *The Garden Primer* (1988)

Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 5

Program:

The State of the Chesapeake Bay

Speaker:

Blair Blanchette, grassroots coordinator at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Note: The program will start at 10:00am, preceded by the business meeting

Fall is finally upon us! The mornings are just a bit brisk and the days are getting noticeably shorter. Mums and pumpkins are everywhere—a sure sign of the upcoming changing season of falling colorful leaves and the frantic effort to get all of the fall chores done before the holiday season sneaks up on us, earlier and earlier each year. October is the perfect time for us in Tidewater Virginia to set out just about everything except tender annuals. You can plant most trees, shrubs, and perennials—even when they are dormant to our eyes, their roots will grow throughout the winter, thus giving them a heads-up on the flush of spring growth. Color for the fall abounds with violas/pansies, ornamental cabbages/kale, and ornamental grasses—all are perfect for a cheerful container temporarily in the place of tired, sleeping perennials.

And don't forget, while you are dividing your perennials, to pot several for the 2018 plant sale. Again, this is the ideal time to divide most perennials and establish strong roots before the spring. Be sure to keep them well watered during dry spells before the harsh winter sets in. Plants still need water in cool weather. Enjoy the cooler weather while you enjoy the bounty of the fall garden.

We've had to negotiate a couple of speed bumps while coming up with a slate of officers for next year's board of our JCC/Williamsburg Master Gardener Association, and I want to thank the nominating committee for their diligence and perseverance. This unit and association can only move forward and grow with new, refreshing ideas and the leadership to implement them. We cannot continue to rely upon the "establishment" to get everything done. We are all extension volunteers; the concept to selfless service is not a foreign one to us. Please consider volunteering as a project leader or a co-leader; or, if you'd prefer, "shadow" one until you feel comfortable taking on a leadership role. Assigning leaders for the projects or deactivating the association are two worst-case scenarios that will occur without new and creative leadership.



The Graphics Fairy

Let your ideas out!

The president's message is continued on the next page.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- CONTINUED

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Your board, responding to popular demand, is considering a revival of a beloved tradition: an additional social event for all association members and guests. This would be a celebratory "Spring Fling" in late March or early April 2018 to welcome both the awakening of our spring gardens and, more importantly, the new Extension Master Gardeners of the Class of 2017 and the transitioning trainees to interns of the Class of 2018. Your board welcomes your comments.

Our next monthly MGA educational seminar will be this Thursday, October 5, in the Williamsburg Regional Library, but at 10:00am. Blair Blanchette, a grassroots coordinator at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, will speak on a subject near and dear to us all-- steps being taken to clean up our watershed leading to our national treasure, the Chesapeake Bay. Our association meeting will begin at 9:00am. Hope to see you all there.

"Long ago I discovered that the plants I most enjoyed were those close to my coming and goings rather than those close to my sittings, since I don't seem to sit very much."

-- Helen Van Pelt Wilson, *The New Perennials Preferred* (1992)

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2018 ASSOCIATION BOARD BY CATHY HILL, VP FOR ADMINISTRATION

President- Gary Streb
President-elect- Cathy Hill
VP Projects- Janet Smith
VP Administration- vacant
Treasurer- Liz Favre
Secretary- Jennifer Campbell

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION

The MGA board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30am at the Williamsburg Regional Library, Room B, on Scotland Street, Williamsburg.

The board meetings are open to all Extension Master Gardeners, and all are encouraged to attend.

Blair Blanchette, a grassroots coordinator at the Richmond office of the [Chesapeake Bay Foundation](#) (CBF), is the JCC/W Master Gardener's speaker for October.

Blair's work centers on developing relationships with the public and rallying advocates for Chesapeake Bay water quality issues in the greater Richmond area. She oversees a wide variety of CBF's signature programs, including the VoCeS (Volunteers as Chesapeake Stewards); adult education classes; and Grasses for the Masses, a citizen restoration effort involving freshwater underwater grasses.

Our speaker has said her love affair with the environment began as a child in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. After many summers kayaking, hiking, and fishing in the James River watershed, she went on to graduate from the University of Virginia in 2014 with a degree in environmental science. Prior to joining CBF, Blair had an internship with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation focusing on rare trout species in the Sierra Nevada mountain range in California.

Blair plans to speak about Bay "baysics" (pollution problems, solutions, and how plants play a very important role in the solution).

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UPCOMING SEMINARS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION

October 5-6. (Arlington Campus, George Mason University, 3351 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Va. 22201). 8:30am-3:30pm each day. [Virginia Urban Agriculture Summit](#). With over thirty presenters from all over Virginia and the surrounding states, you will learn from those who have a passion about urban agriculture, food systems, education, and more. Topics include urban-rural partnerships, how to color your gardens, practical science-based challenges and solutions, how to make money in urban agriculture, how to promote urban agriculture, and agriculture in the classroom.



For more information, including registration fee and tours, see the [2017 Virginia Urban Agriculture website](#).



October 7. (Virginia Living Museum, 524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Newport News, Va. 23601. Activities 10:00am-3:00pm, although the museum is open 9:00am-5:00pm. **Butterflies: Wings of Wonder.** The VLM will celebrate the wonderful lives of butterflies with special exhibits, demos, live butterflies, tag/release, crafts and games. The activities are included in the museum admission of \$20/adults, \$15/children ages three-twelve, children two and under free.

October 10. (420 E. Monroe St., Alexandria, Va., next to the YMCA). 11:00am-noon. [The Demonstration Gardens of Simpson Park](#). Join the MG volunteers in their last stroll of the year as they show off their gardens in early fall bloom! See the beautiful leaf colors and learn how to create a great winter garden while our Master Gardeners answer all your garden questions.



October 14. (Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington, Va. 22206). 10:30am-noon. **Composting and What to Do with All That Leaf and Yard Waste.** A presentation by the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia. Learn how to turn yard clippings, kitchen waste, and excess paper into black gold for your garden! We will show you how to start composting at home, what to put in a compost pile, how to maintain it easily so the materials break down properly, and how to apply it in your own garden and lawn. Free.

Advance registration at mgnv.org. Questions: Call (703) 228-6414 or mgarlaalex@gmail.com

UPCOMING SEMINARS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES --CONTINUED

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION



October 14. (Stonehouse Elementary School, 3651 Rochambeau Drive, Toano). 9:30-11:00am. [A Walk in the Habitat](#). Join Sue Voigt for a walk around a native plant garden with fall flowers and many bees and butterflies getting ready for winter. Park in the school bus parking lot near the far end of the building. Contact Sue for more information (svoigt1@cox.net, 804-966-8487, or cell 804-815-6085). Sponsored by the Virginia Native Plant Society, John Clayton Chapter.

October 16. (Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria, Va., 22304). 7:00-8:30pm. [Putting Your Garden to Bed](#). Did you know that fall is an ideal time to plant trees, shrubs, and perennials, and even vegetables? You will learn easy tips for onsite composting, providing winter habitat and food for wildlife, and end-of-season care of tools and equipment. We'll help you identify great plants that can add interest to your yard during the grey doldrums of winter. Sponsored by the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia. Free. Advance registration at mgnv.org. Questions: Call (703) 228-6414 or mgarlalex@gmail.com.



October 21. (6120 Knotts Neck Rd., Suffolk, Va. 23435). 8:00am-noon. [Knotts Creek Nursery](#). Wholesale nursery offering its fall plant sale.

October 21. (Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington, Va. 22206). 10:30am-noon. A repeat of the [Putting Your Garden to Bed](#) program.



October 21. (Cheriton Fire Station, 21334 Bayside Rd., Cheriton, Va.) [ESVMG Garden Symposium](#). Sponsored by the Eastern Shore Virginia Master Gardeners, this symposium features classes on garden design, dramatic effects with foliage, best Eastern Virginia perennials, ornamental grasses, and the right size flower garden. Registration \$80, includes buffet lunch. For information, call (757) 678-7946, ext. 20, or easternshoremastergardeners.com

UPCOMING SEMINARS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES --CONTINUED

BY HAZEL BRAXTON, VP FOR INTERNAL EDUCATION



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October 21. (Freedom Park). 10:00-11:30am. [Using Hardy Ferns in the Landscape.](#) **Jim Orband**, retired York County extension agent and senior agent emeritus, will present a very comprehensive discussion of ferns that are hardy to the climate of the Tidewater area. He will use slides to illustrate landscape applications for ferns, identification of ferns, and seasonal interest of ferns in the landscape, as well as resources to learn more about ferns.

This event is part of the Learn and Grow Educational Series sponsored by the Williamsburg Botanical Garden. The program is free, although a \$5.00 donation to help the garden grow is appreciated. For more information, contact Jim by email at jorband@vt.edu. After the program, Master Gardeners will be in the garden to answer questions and talk about what is in bloom.

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As always, don't forget to take a look at John Freeborn's latest biweekly update from the state EMG office. Click on <https://blogs.lt.vt.edu/mastergardener/current-master-gardeners/sample-page/bi-weekly-update/>. If that doesn't work, click on <http://blogs.lt.vt.edu/mastergardener/>. Then click on "I am currently a Master Gardener/News/Bi-Weekly Update."

LANDSCAPE LOVE

BY GARY STREB AND SHERRY WALKER

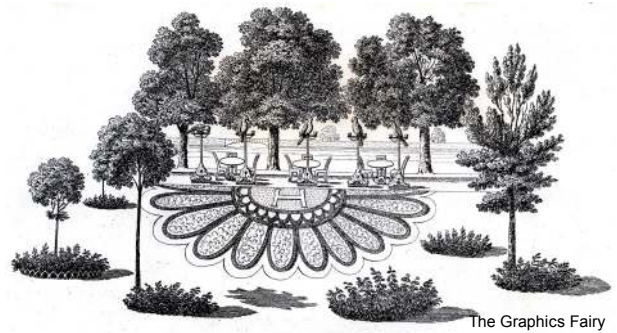
Landscape Love fall 2017 has begun!

After training/organizational meetings on September 18 and 21, the Landscape Love volunteers are equipped and eager to answer the questions and concerns of the over sixty-four James City County and City of Williamsburg homeowners who have requested an on-site visit by one of our teams.

Over forty-five Extension Master Gardeners and up to sixteen interns from the Class of 2017 are participating and have already completed several of the visits.

Each tailored team will spend about an hour at the residence and answer any/all questions about the homeowner's landscaping or gardening issues. Anything can come -- which really tests the knowledge of the team. Advance preparation and research are useful, and the follow-up summary report is helpful by providing additional information that may not have been previously disbursed. Each homeowner is provided a packet of pertinent Virginia Tech publications and lists of relevant websites to assist in their planning for a sustainable and attractive landscape.

A sincere thank you to all of the volunteers who are the vital part of Landscape Love. Your knowledge and willingness to educate our community epitomizes our volunteer educator mission.



DO YOU KNOW PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS?

BY HOPE YELICH



BECOME A MASTER GARDENER

VCE Master Gardener volunteers work in their communities to educate and advance sound horticultural and environmental practices. Training involves a wide variety of classroom and hands-on experiences. Topics covered during this 13 week certificate program include:

- Basic Botany • Pruning • Lawns • Trees & Shrubs
- Soils & Fertilizers • Insects & Diseases
- Annuals & Perennials

Training begins **January 9, 2018**. For more information and on application, contact the VCE Office at **757-564-2170**
Application Deadline: **October 31, 2017**
Course Fee: **\$165**
(Fee covers handbooks, classroom materials and background check.)

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Yes, it's that time of year again. Kate Robbins at the VCE office in Toano is still accepting applications for the 2018 James City County/Williamsburg Master Gardener training program. As usual, we want to get the word out to as many people as possible, and that includes your friends, neighbors, colleagues, and people who read your neighborhood newsletter. If you'd like to help us by including the information in your neighborhood newsletter—as well as by word of mouth-- the information is below. (I can also send you a copy of the ad in pdf and jpg formats.)

The only major change is that we will hold classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays rather than on Mondays and Wednesdays. The session will begin on Tuesday, January 9, and end on Thursday, March 29. Each class will be three hours long (9:00am-12:00 noon) at the county rec center on Longhill Road. Course topics include botany, pest management, plant culture, flowers, vegetables, pruning, landscape design, water conservation, and more. The course fee is \$165.

The deadline to receive completed applications is October 31, 2017. Program information and applications are posted at www.jccwmg.org. For questions or more information, contact the Virginia Cooperative Extension office in Toano at (757) 564-2170.

As you know, Master Gardeners are volunteers with VCE who work within their communities to educate and advance sound horticultural and environmental practices. There are twenty projects available to volunteers once they complete their training and internships, so spread the word before the class fills up!

A MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKERS BUREAU

BY KATHY BUSH

An important part of our mission as Master Gardeners is to educate the JCC/W community on best practices and all gardening-related topics. We often get requests to speak to area garden and civic clubs and respite care organizations and would like to have a roster of willing and able speakers who are knowledgeable on a variety of topics that would interest these groups. We currently have some refreshed PowerPoint programs but no one to present them. If you would like to be a part of the team please contact Kathy Bush at kathykbush@verizon.net. You can use your own PowerPoint program or use one of ours.



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Also, if you do get asked to speak to a group as an EMG, we would request that you let me know and report your time and people data so it will be covered as an official VCE project. I collect this information monthly and need to report it before the tenth of each month. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation!



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WHERE DID IT GO?

BY STACY DEMEO

The JCC/W Master Gardeners Association is trying to account for its property. I've received information from the project chairs listing the items they have for their projects, but I don't know what else is out there that belongs to the association.

If you have or know of any items that belong to the JCC/W MGA, please let me know. We just want to know what and where our assets are located.

You can email me with any questions and information at sdemeo@hotmail.com

MASTER GARDENER COLLEGE 2017

BY MARILYN RIDDLE

I was delighted to be among the seven members of our unit to attend the 2017 Master Gardener College in Blacksburg. The others were Angela Cingale, Ginny Crawford, Liz Favre, Patsy McGrady, Anne Nielsen, and Donna Xander. Kate Robbins joined the group for one day of the event.

The highlights of the three days for me were:

- Elsa Steeves's two gardens among four on the tour that were part of the trip into the New River Valley. Actually, all were very near the Virginia Tech campus.
- Jim Revell's presentation on vegetable gardening as a Bedford County EMG
- Dr. Bob Lyons' account of carefully adding new annuals or perennials each year to change our gardens
- Diane Blazek's discussion on the process of selecting All American plants. She is the executive director of the program.
- Going to Floyd County's Floyd Country Store and various other businesses on Friday night. However, sitting on the bus from 10:00-11:00pm while we searched for an EMG was not fun! I highly recommend it one time to see so many Scots-Irish descendants enjoy reliving times of long ago.
- Dr. David Gibby's retelling the history of the EMG program. He was the founder. He was very down-to-earth, which added a very positive effect.
- The closing picnic was very well organized, and I enjoyed the new location, though it was only a short distance from the old one.

NEW TREE STEWARD CLASS

BY SUE LIDDELL

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Christmas at Peggy Manning's house (Peggy is holding the puppy)

After three years in the making, the Peninsula Tree Stewards are ready for applications to pour in for its 2018 class.

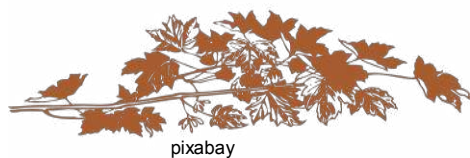
Classes will begin January 3 and continue through March 21, meeting on Wednesdays (but with a few snow days arranged for Mondays, just in case). The advanced training is mind expanding and valuable in TS projects and MG projects.

We gather quarterly to share project development and to socialize. We usually meet in a public facility but have managed to have a Christmas meeting for many years at the home of a 1998 graduate, Peggy Manning. Back then we were eighteen; now we are seventy-eight, with twenty-seven from JCCW.

NOW.....



For further information about the class and an application, see pages 12 and 13 at the end of this newsletter.



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VMGA REPORT

BY MARILYN RIDDLE, UNIT REPRESENTATIVE

The Virginia Master Gardener Association representatives met August 12 in Chesapeake.

Business:

New standing rules to prevent the problems with last year's vendor
Goal to raise \$30,000 for endowment fund by the conclusion of 2018 MG College
Silent auction at this year's MG College raised \$2443 for the endowment fund.
Unit support committee chair is Mary Ann Kincaid for...specific unit issues
Slots are still available for State Fair (Sept 29-Oct 8) participation by units
A new chair is needed.

VCE Report:

200 EMGs attended 2017 Master Gardener College (This excludes speakers, guests, and volunteers.)
The advanced program for 2018 MG College will be Tree Stewardship.
International MG College will be held in Valley Forge, PA in 2019 and in Tidewater, VA in 2021.
Coordinators' Manual should be released soon.
Two CALS vacancies to be filled soon; two have been filled.
New district directors are: John Thompson, Northern, and Janet Spencer, Southeast. Both were ANR agents prior to assuming their new roles. I have heard good reports about ours. She served in Isle of Wight Co most recently.
Training dates for Leadership Development—Nov 8/9 or 15/16 with one likely to be in Richmond
Training date for Healthy Lawns—in mid November or early December

Continuation of business:

Discussion of the possibility of reducing the six VMGA meetings to four each year; possibility of a virtual meeting; lack of units willing to host
The Aug 2018 meeting might be held at our newest state park, Natural Bridge.
19 of 50 units represented today. Other figures indicate there are a total of 55 or 61 units. (Typical attendance)



Ken Caro passed on the information that seven employees of the healthcare company Owens & Minor mulched the Blayton School Garden as part of the United Way Day of Caring. The employees and their work appear in the photo, left. Thank you, everyone!

WILDFLOWER OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2017

BY HELEN HAMILTON

PAST PRESIDENT, JOHN CLAYTON CHAPTER, VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

WOOLGRASS *Scirpus cyperinus*

Not usually a first choice for gardens, woolgrass grows next to ponds, streambeds, and roadside ditches, where it forms colonies that hold soil and prevent erosion. In naturalized areas this plant looks great with late-blooming fall asters, goldenrods, and native shrubs – it's a nice choice for rain gardens and low moist spots.

Woolgrass spreads aggressively with creeping rhizomes, which makes it a good candidate for container gardening. This perennial sedge grows to six feet tall, usually in large clumps, with long leaves and large flower heads. They start to bloom in July, and by fall the six-to-twelve-inch fruit clusters are red-brown and very fuzzy. The plant is dormant in winter, but the standing foliage provides much winter interest.

This is one of several important species of wetland plants that provide food and cover for waterfowl and other wildlife. The seeds are eaten by waterfowl, and the roots by muskrats and geese. This sedge is native to most counties of Virginia, ranging from eastern Texas to Newfoundland.

Plants in the genus *Scirpus* are known as bulrushes and grow naturally throughout North America. All parts of the plant are edible and have been used for medicines and household items. Flour can be made from the pollen, ground seeds, and dried rhizomes, and the young shoots have been eaten as a raw salad or cooked vegetable. The tough stems have been made into baskets, mats, shelters, brooms, and the soft seed heads add comfort to mats and pillows.

For more information about native plants, visit www.vnps.org



Photo: Woolgrass (*Scirpus cyperinus*) taken by Helen Hamilton in the Williamsburg Botanical Garden in Freedom Park.



Photo: Pat Abraham

BUTTERFLY AT THE SHIELDS GARDEN BY HOPE YELICH

Our thanks go to Barbara Floyd for supplying the perch (not to mention the color coordination) for a spicebush swallowtail butterfly, who chose to visit the Shields Garden while EMGs were working there on September 8. Kudos to Cathy Johnson and Pat Abraham, both of whom got to their cameras in time to capture the event.

Important Dates

- 10/5-6 Va. Urban Agriculture Summit (Arlington)
- 10/7 Butterflies (Va. Living Museum)
- 10/10 Demonstration Garden (Alexandria)
- 10/14 Composting (Arlington)
- 10/14 Plant Walk (Stonehouse Elem. School)
- 10/16 Putting Garden to Bed (Alexandria)
- 10/21 Putting Garden to Bed repeat (Arlington)
- 10/21 Knotts Creek Plant Sale (Suffolk)
- 10/21 ESVMG Garden Symposium (Cheriton)
- 10/21 Ferns in the Landscape (Freedom Park)
- 4/21/18 Annual plant sale

SUNSHINE NOTES



The organization would like to send cards to members with difficult medical issues or who have experienced a death in the immediate family. Please provide names to the EMG secretary, Cathy Johnson, at (757) 208-0065, or cathyjpj@gmail.com



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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the November 2017 newsletter will be Wednesday, October 25.

Please send any submissions to Hope Yelich, newsletter editor, at hopeyelich@gmail.com

JCC/W Master Gardener Mission Statement

The purpose of the James City County/ Williamsburg Master Gardener is to learn, educate, and communicate environmentally sound horticultural practices to the community. Trained by the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Master Gardener volunteers are committed to offering information to the public through sustainable landscape management educational programs.

ABOUT THE VIRGINIA MASTER GARDENERS AND VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Virginia Master Gardeners are volunteer educators who work within their communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management education and training. As an educational program of Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Master Gardeners bring the resources of Virginia's land-grant universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, to the people of the commonwealth.

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2018 Peninsula MG Tree Steward Class Application

General Information:

Class will be held January 3rd to March 21st, 2018, on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM till 12 Noon. Location will vary from Williamsburg to Hampton but no more than 45 min travel for anyone. Cost of the class is \$90.00, primarily for the required books and class administrative costs (copies, instructor gifts etc.). Check for the fee should be sent with your application (payable to JCC/Williamsburg Master Gardeners). Fee is refundable if you are not included in the class; if you withdraw after the class is made up and books are ordered, you will get the books with the remainder of the fee returned to you.

Instructions: Please return the application to the Tree Steward contact in your local MG organization. Names are listed below. If you have questions outside your unit level, please call or email Carol King, Peninsula Tree Steward Coordinator (757-268-6589, cdkinggardener@hotmail.com).

Responsibilities while attending class and after:

1. Attend classes (one absence allowed) and read assignments
2. Develop and implement a TS project in furtherance of VCE program goals
3. Put in at least 20 hours work on your project (in group or alone) by end 2018
4. Maintain 10 hrs. TS activity each year, recorded through your local MG unit

Screening/Interview: Each MG group will handle its own screening and/or interviews to make sure that applicants understand the commitment they are making and that they are ready for this advanced training.

Tree Steward Contact for Applications:

Gloucester: Jim Newton
JCC/Williamsburg: Patsy McGrady
Hampton: Carol King
Newport News: Cindy Ogle
York/Poquoson: Laura Marlowe

APPLICATION

Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

MG Unit:

Year of MG Training:

Will you need any accommodation for disability? If yes, please say what.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive device services or other accommodations to participate in this program, please call the York/Poquoson Extension Office at 757-890-4940 to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.



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