



SCVMGA Year in Review

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2019

JANUARY

JANUARY 24TH OPEN HOUSE cancelled due to extremely cold wind chills. Sandy Madsen's "Healthy Gardening with Kids" presentation was postponed until September 26th.

TEN of 38 ORIGINAL SCVMGA MEMBERS are still participants since mid-1997-98. Our appreciation to Carolyn Barrette, Deb Barron, Jim Barron, Jill Berke, Marilyn Gorham, Wendy Kramer, Kathleen Oss, Betty Schultz, Margaret Smith, and Peg Wastell. In Dec., 2018, Daphne Brackley did not renew her membership.

THREE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS: New for 2019-2020 Board was President JoAnn Ryan, a 17-year SCVMGA member. Returning to same board positions were 1998 – 2000 1st Treasurer Peg Wastell and 2003-2004 St. Croix Co. Rep. Susan Klatt. Pierce Co. Rep. Matthew Schmitz chose two-yr. term after filling 2018 board-appointed position. Accepting a second 3-year term, 2019 - 2021, was WIMGA Rep Paul VanDenMeerendonk. Much appreciated!

SEVEN RETIRING COORDINATORS: Special thanks to: River Falls Farmers Market Coordinator Elaine Baker (2014-2018). Hospitality Assistant Janet Bliven (2017-2018); Pierce County Fair Coordinator Leroy Clark (2015-2018); Hospitality Coordinator Trina Frank (2011-Feb 2019); Used Garden Book Project Leader Joni Garbe (2015-2018); Fall Workshop Coordinator Vickie Kittilson (2017); Volunteer Coordinator John Ramstad (2017-2019), Audiovisual Technician Trent Kowalchyk (2015-2019) and Plant Sale Coordinator Corky Weeks (2008-2018).

2018 FINANCIAL REVIEW, completed on March,14, 2019, found all records accurate and in good order. A list of assets was recommended. Committee: Diane Wright (Board member), Julie Walsh, (Treasurer), LeRoy Clark (Pierce Co. Rep), Julie Weinberg (St. Croix Co. Rep), and Jackie Daharsh (former Treasurer).

WIMGA MASTER GARDENER ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Proud of 2018-2019 Representative Marilyn Gorham, active in relaying information from MG volunteers and UW-Extension staff to the MG Program Office.

FEBRUARY

FEB 28 MEETING/OPEN HOUSE/PIZZA PARTY: 4th Year Open House at First Covenant for 76 members and 4 guests. Dr. Kristina Beuning, Plant Ecology Prof. of Sunbow Farms Soils Mgmt. presented "Sustainable Vegetable Gardening" addressing water conservation, soil prep, planting for pollinators, and permaculture principles. Seven 2018 MG Interns joined; one in Dec. 2018 and six at Feb. meeting. Three of 21 pizzas (\$193) awarded for door prizes.

THREE MILESTONE AWARDS and nineteen certificates for cumulative volunteer hours presented by Diana Alfuth at Feb. 28th meeting. Susan Reese and Deb Pederstuen - 2500-hour desk plaques and John Ramstad -1000-hour certificate, and Heather Lacke - 750-hour certificate. Five MGVs - 500-hr., seven MGVs -250-hr., & seven MGVs -150-hr certificates. Congratulations to all 2018 Rock Star Volunteers!

2015-2018 USED GARDEN BOOK COLLECTION: Board dissolved four-year project due to outdated books and no replacement for Project Leader Joni Garbe. Members had last chance at Feb. meeting, donating \$59; recycled other books. Thanks to Joni for her service as the entire project collected \$244 in donations.

7th VARIETY PLANT TRIALS: Project Leader Peg Wastell held Nov. 6th 2018 mtg for 2019 Trial Selections. Selected were celery, long- burpless cucumber, mini romaine, garden shelling peas, non-bell sweet pepper, elongated French radishes, and 2'-3' mixed snapdragons. Fourteen MGVs sorted 10,520 seeds Sat. Feb. 23, at St. Joe's Town Hall. Twenty-five MGVs participants from 5 counties, St. Croix, Pierce, Polk, Barron, and Dunn, for 152 total trials. *Sprinklings* May issue includes Peg's "Benefits of Reading about Plant Trials" and 2018 trial results.

NEW 2019 LOGO – Apparel Sales Manager Liz Whitchurch got board approval for ‘triple leaf’ logo designed by Ellsworth’s Designs by Jill for \$50. Prior to printing, MGV Colleen Callahan made minor modifications. First 1998 sprinkling can logo, designed by MGV Daphne Brackley, was modified in 2011.

MARCH

MARCH 28 MEETING -Joanna Klukas of New Richmond’s Garden Expressions emphasized soil composition in her “Container Gardening” presentation for 64 members and 2 guests. Trina Frank’s last day of hospitality after 8 years. Six MG Interns joined at the meeting.

20th ANNUAL GARDEN U – “Prairies, Berries, & Trees” at Hudson House Grand Hotel on Sat., March 16th organized by Carolyn Barrette & Lisa Esselman with Donna Davis & Peg Wastell assisting during Carolyn’s leg recovery. Presentations: “Prairies” by Alex Bouthilet, Star Prairie Seed Farm; “Fruit Trees” by Rachel Henderson, Menomonie’s Mary Dirty Face Farm; “Berries” by Jerry Clark, Chippewa County Agriculture Agent. Of total 126 lunches served, 77 were SCVMGA members and 8 vendors. \$40 fee included lunch. Proceeds- \$4,840; profit of \$2,108.

QUESTION & ANSWER CARDS – provided by President JoAnn Ryan at monthly meetings were not as effective as October 24th meeting Suggestion Box with a suggestion to “increase publicity for SCVMGA Grants”.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION COMMITTEE’s 2015 description, was revised by Deb Pederstuen after Jan. meeting cancellation. Membership changes require annual committee revisions.

NEW COORDINATORS: New Hospitality team Helen Heggernes and Bev Schomburg replaced Trina Frank and Janet Bliven; Laura Milano replaced Elaine Baker for River Falls Farmers Market Coordinator; Kevin Ballman replaced Leroy Clark for Pierce Co. Fair Coordinator, and new Plant Sale Team Managers, Leroy Clark, Renee Clark, Cindy Gleason, Marilyn Gorham replaced Corky Weeks. Christine McGinnis continued as team manager. Bridget Kelley volunteered for Assistant Program Director. No Fall Workshop Coordinator replacement for Vickie Kittilson so President JoAnn Ryan accepted the challenge.

REIMBURSEMENT POLICY: March 12th Board approved Trent Kowalchuk’s recommendations, all requiring a receipt and a signed Request for Payment form to the Treasurer. Less than \$100 requires Treasurer approval. \$101 to \$500 requires Treasurer and Board Member – President or Vice President’s approval; and \$501 and up requires Board of Director’s pre-approval prior to purchase. No pre-approval required for state membership dues, speaker fees, grant distributions, or meeting site rentals.

WIMGA NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTOR, MGV Peg Wastell’s report, “State Conference Inspired Milkweed Variety Trials Outcome” was published in the March 2019 issue. A must-read to learn native milkweed best for our area.

ST. CROIX VALLEY HOMEBUILDERS SPRING EXPO, Mar. 8-9 – reduced show attendees, 1st time no complimentary booth offered, and 4-year Coordinator Barb Peterson not available convinced Board to not participate at the Hudson House Grand Hotel. Too many annual changes in venue locations and dates!

APRIL

APRIL 25 MEETING – SCVMGA President JoAnn Ryan explained different evergreens, care & pruning in her “All About Evergreens” program to 73 members and 2 guests. Five non-member grant recipients attended for grant distributions.

19th ANNUAL GRANTS: 2nd year Coordinator, Jenny Brazzale and her team, Cindy Gleason, Amanda Lawrence, Karen Nork & Nita O’Connell, requested \$2,810.34 for 15 project applications representing 9 cities in St Croix & Pierce Counties. Eleven projects were coordinated by MGVs. Twelve projects were for Youth Education and benefited students in 3 different schools. Thanks to Jenny Brazzale and her team. Unused \$254.81 funds returned from 4 Grants.

FOURTH SCVMGA UW-RF BIENNIAL \$1000 Scholarship since 2012, was awarded to Sierra Hau, a Senior Horticulture Major from Brandon, WI in Fond du Lac County for 2018-2019. Hau’s part-time high school job as a floral clerk, her love for floral design and desire to learn about plant science drew her to pursue a UW-RF Horticulture degree.

15th EARTH DAY at Hudson's YMCA Camp, postponed to May 5th: Five MGVs, Carol Marnell, Colleen Callahan, Corky Weeks, Donna Davis, and Amanda Lawrence, manned a SCVMGA booth. Children planted Teddy Bear sunflower seeds, made pasta shell necklaces to resemble life stages of the Monarch, and some took home "Raising Monarch Kits".

2nd YEAR APPAREL SALES MANAGER Liz Whitchurch got board approval to order light grey shirts with new logo from Designs by Jill. Reasonable pricing; minimum 12-order purchase. Screen-printed logo on womens' V-neck T-shirts (\$11.00), unisex crew neck short (\$11.00) & long sleeve T-shirts (\$12.50), and embroidered logo on polo shirts (\$14.00). In Sept., \$25 denim shirts offered. To date, 55 new shirts sold for \$816.50 and leftover 2013 logo shirts sold @ \$5.00 each. Profit was \$487; costs were \$558 including inventory. Previous logo shirts designed in 1999 & 2013.

MAY

MAY 23 MEETING - Tammy Traxler, Conservation Planner for St. Croix Co. Community Development discussed "Water Quality and Quantity", well water testing and sources of nitrate contaminations in St. Croix, Polk, and Pierce Counties. Tim Stieber, Resource Management Administrator for the Community Development Department helped thirty members (52%) get free nitrate screening of their private well water samples. Attendees: 57 members, 2 guests, and Diana.

19th Year NEW RICHMOND COMMUNITY GARDEN moved to its new 1752 Dorset Lane location at St Croix County Services Center, same 42'x30' plot created in 2015 by MGV Sharon Reyzer, St. Croix Public Health Supervisor. Maintained by 4th Year Coordinator Donna Cadenhead, MGVs (283 hrs.) & students & their advisors (126 hrs). MGV contact with 19 students at May 17th NR Student Service Day and 12 students (3 adults) with St. Anne's Summer Stretch's 3 days. NR Public Health Services, Five Loaves Food Shelf, Hudson Food Shelf, & NR Convalescent benefited from 639 lbs. produce. On Aug. 3rd, three Faith Community Church volunteers (28 hrs) moved garden shed. Received \$250 SCVMGA grant.

2019 WINTER DAMAGE SURVEY- MGV Matthew Schmitz reported no replies to his survey, provided in *Sprinklings* May issue. Purpose of survey was to determine plants in our area not able to withstand the 2018 winter temps.

IN MEMORY OF CLAYTON SNOW, SR: Master Gardener, Master Composter, and beekeeper passed away at 90 on May 25th at his Hudson home. Clayton completed MG training class in mid-90's, but never joined SCVMGA.

JUNE

JUNE 27 MEETING - Chris Trosen, Wildlife Biologist for U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; Star Prairie Seed Farm's field trip to see early summer blooms of native lupines, columbines, and indigo was canceled due to probable thunderstorms.

NEW PULL-UP & TABLE BANNERS: Sprinkling Editor Colleen Callahan created design for two vertical pull-up banners (\$158.25 each), two large 72"x24" (\$56.97 each) and two small 34"x24" (\$29.90 each) table banners purchased at Hudson's UPS Store on 6/28/19 and 8/14/19.

8th YEAR SCVMGA WEBSITE, originally "The Weebly" now includes the updated 2018 SCVMGA Bylaws.

6th YEAR SPRINKLINGS EDITOR Colleen Callahan & 2nd Yr. Proofreader Maria Sanocki created eight fun & informative issues. Special thanks to all contributors, especially to JoAnn Ryan's President's Corner, Karalyn Littlefield's Recipes, Peg Wastell's Variety Plant Trials, Heather Lacke & Marilyn Gorham's Plant Sale Updates, Donna Cadenhead's NR Community Garden, Paul VanDenMeerendonk's WIGMA updates, Deb Pederstuen's Member Updates, John Ramstad's Volunteer Opps, Debby Walter's Tours, and Carolyn Barrette & Bridget Kelley's Programs. Wonderful to see Book Reviews by Pat Angleson, County Fair Coordinators' Updates, and Maria Sanocki's 1st Profile of JoAnn Ryan. Thanks to Colleen Callahan for August speaker notes. Other meetings needed a volunteer for taking notes.

15th ANNUAL PLANT SALE: June 1 at Hudson's Octagon House -gross proceeds of \$5,920 broke previous records! Net profit of \$5,806 compared to \$4,600 in 2018 and \$5,000 in 2017. \$100 donation for St. Croix Historical Society. Huge thanks to Board President JoAnn Ryan's recruiting of 2019 Plant Sale Managers, to Cindy Gleason & Marilyn Gorham for pre-sale, to Renee Clark & Christine McGinnis during sale, to Leroy Clark after sale, to Heather Lacke for advertising, and to Corky Weeks' mentoring and 10 years as sole Plant Sale Manager. Over 50 MGVs participated. YMCA and Habitat for Humanity's Plant Sale held at My Sister's Garden, took leftover plants.

5th JUNIOR GARDEN U “Superhero Theme” at River Falls’ Demonstration and Learning Garden, July 29th: Diana Alfuth and 4 MGVs - Gale Gaard, Helen Heggerness, Barb Kolpin, and Corky Weeks held two 45-min. sessions for 1st time on Monday evening. Nine 6-9-year old youth, with superhero masks, learned “superpower defenses” of plants against insects/pests, insects’ food sources/nesting places; and nutritional value of different-colored vegetables.

3rd YEAR TOUR COORDINATORS Debbie Walters & Anita Justen arranged 3 fabulous tours. June 6th at Tavis's Wild and Exotic Mushroom Farm, Cumberland - 9 members, 3 guests; July 21st at Barbara Burgum's Home, Wayzata - 14 members, 2 guests; August 14th at Audrey & Eske Bennetsen’s River Road Honey Farm, Prescott - 11 members, 2 guests.

2nd YEAR GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS Project Leader MGV Norma Rudesill reported not receiving any responses from the 22 MGVs participants in the group when she emailed them.

2nd YEAR HELPING HANDS Project Leader Cindy Gleason and 3 MGVs did spring clean-up and 8 MGVs did fall clean-up for one grateful member. MGVs received gratification, volunteer hours, and the enjoyment of working with others.

JULY

JULY 25 MEETING: Forty members and three guests attended Great River Road Visitor and Learning Center where GRRVC Volunteer John Hollenbach provided an excellent park history and a snack buffet with drinks. Earlier, about 20 members checked out unique trees and perennials at Matthew Schmitz’ home gardens. 2018 Grant Recipient MG Carol Ahlgren proudly showed Pine Glen Cemetery’s perennial entrance, lined with pavers purchased with her 2018 grant.

ST. CROIX ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE GRANT – was not applied for this year, nor was any WIMGA educational grants.

FIRST ‘GROW TO SHARE’ GARDEN TOUR in River Falls’ Hoffman Park on July 13th hosted by MGVs John Ramstad and James Davis was cancelled due to advertising issues.

19th YEAR ST. CROIX CO. FAIR July 17-21 – 2nd year Fair Coordinator Amanda Lawrence and 23 MGVs featured “Healthy Gardening with Kids” in our first indoor 12’ x 10’ Commercial Building space (\$180.00). Successful fair despite heat, humidity, stormy Friday eve/Sat. Pizza, Salsa/Taco, and Snacking demo gardens and Scarecrow & Peter Rabbit 2018 face-in-the-hole boards, popular for kids’ photos, displayed around HCE building. Amanda’s cookbooks (\$265/100 colored copies) for smoothies, salsa, dips, etc. were given to 62 kids. Stickers and suckers awarded for “Are you Smarter than a Rutabaga” game, plus Amanda’s Rutabaga fact sheets. Debuted 2019 pull-up vertical banner and green fitted tablecloths (\$14.72 – 4’x2’ and \$14.76 – 4’x6’) created a professional-looking booth. Peg Wastell’s Variety Plant Trial display and Bailey’s donated Astilbe Visions and Endless Summer Bloomstruck a bonus. Total costs: \$379

AUGUST

August 22 MEETING: Last 2019 garden tour at New Richmond Community Garden on Dorset Lane. MGV Sharon Reyzner, retired Public Health Supervisor from St. Croix County Public Health Dept., explained to 39 members about the garden she created and its benefits to WIC program. Donna Cadenhead reported on amount of produce harvested.

MEMBERSHIP DUES CHANGE AGAIN – Board voted to return single memberships from \$20 in 2019 to \$15, but kept families at \$25. Decision was based on adequate funds.

PIERCE CO. FAIR August 7 – 11 – 1st year Coordinator Kevin Ballman staffed 31 MGVs, primarily three/shift, without SignupGenius. Kevin’s pre-fair meeting for fair tickets and inspired ‘fair participation’. Seasonally warm 70 to 83 temps. Outdoor canopy embellished by Seyforth Bldg beautiful perennials, tended by O’Brien’s MGV team, new pop-up & table banners, Peter Rabbit and Scarecrow cut outs, “Are You Smarter Than a Rutabaga” game, and Peg Wastell’s Variety Trials Display board and trial plants. Portion of Pierce Fair’s \$150 budget used to print extra Amanda Lawrence’s “Kids’ Cookbooks”. Total costs: \$61.00.

RIVER FALLS FARMERS MARKET at Dick’s Fresh Market Lot – Saturdays 8am – 12 noon, June -October - First-year Coordinator Laura Milano and 5 MGV’s averaged 4-6 questions per week on deer, moles, Japanese beetles, mildew; non-blooming zucchini, hydrangeas and lilacs; eradicating plume grass and buckthorn, crumbly raspberries, tomatoes,

grapes, rhubarb, celery; indoor seed-starting; plant recommendations for specific areas, and plant ID. Promoted SCVMGA & Diana's MG class. 15 to 20 produce vendors/week with bi-monthly live music was a highlight. Thanks to Laura Milano and to Deb Barron for transporting table & information box.

HUDSON FARMERS MARKET at Plaza 94, bimonthly on Thursdays 9am – 12 noon, early July – early September - Third-year Coordinator Maria Scheidegger and 4 MGV's staffed table under new Farmers Market Manager Dave Weiss. Frequently asked questions were about grass, hydrangeas, mums, crabapples, onions, pests, and pollinators. Many inquiries about MG classes and SCVMGA/monthly meetings. New canopy at \$ 63.29 from Fleet Farm and weights at \$32.12 from Dick's Sporting Goods replaced a heavy-to-transport second-hand umbrella and stand.

IN MEMORY OF MGV JERRY WEINMANN of Polk County MGA, who passed away on Aug. 29 at age 80 at his Amery home. He played an important role in setting up/working at the NR Community Garden and starting plants from seed.

SCVMGA \$250 DONATION on Sept 17th: Annual Celebration of Friends of the St. Croix Health Center Healing Garden.

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 26 MEETING: MGV Sandy Madsen reviewed 11 years of "Healthy Gardening for Kids" with Houlton Elementary Garden Club since their first 2009 meeting. Diana Alfuth encouraged members to use WIMGA's first year Online Reporting System (ORS) before Oct. 1st deadline. Four "Garden to Table" Cookbooks, found in Janet Jones' Hudson Farmers Mkt storage, sold for \$5 each. Fifty-one members attended.

RURAL & FARM SAFETY DAYS at Ellsworth's Pierce Co. Fairgrounds, Sept. 25 & 26th, 9:30am – 2pm: UW-Ext Hort Outreach Specialist Diana Alfuth and 5 MGVs Sue Galoff, Tom Kujawa, Amanda Lawrence, Carol Marnell, and Margaret Smith held 15-20-minute sessions about the "Dangers of Perilous Plants" for 460 fourth graders.

1st WIMGA FALL CONFERENCE, offered in 3 locations – Sept 12th at Wausau; Sept 14th at Madison; Sept 20th at Eau Claire: Topics involved learning how to do presentations and social media networking. Five MGVs, Doris Krautbauer, JoAnn Ryan, Peg Wastell, Liz Whitchurch, and Dianne Wright, attended.

2019 NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Included Barb Peterson, Past Board Member; Pat Angleson, St. Croix Co. Representative; President JoAnn Ryan, Current Board Member; and Leroy Clark, Current Pierce Co. Representative.

10th WESTERN DISTRICT MGV WORKSHOP at Ellsworth's Seyforth Bldg. Sat., Sept 28th 10am – 2pm: "Medicinals in Your Backyard" presented by Barb Mager, JoAnn Ryan's daughter, and Heather Mashuga, both with Master Degrees in Holistic Health. Sixty attendees learned about herbal tinctures, salves, and syrups. Fees of \$15/MGVs and \$25/Guest (\$1003 income), included "Medicinals in the Garden" 21 pg. booklet and Subway sub/chips (\$202). Other expenses: \$246 (printing by JoAnn's son), and \$964 speaker fees. Thanks to Coordinator JoAnn Ryan, 4 MGV committee, and Donna Davis for tree peony door prize. First net loss of \$410.

8th YEAR DEMONSTRATION AND LEARNING GARDEN by River Falls' Hoffman Park: Diana Alfuth & MGVs impressed kids with a "Superhero Garden" sectioned off by color, to learn different vegetables contain different vitamins. Mr. Scarecrow was "Spiderman"! Junior Garden U class and groups led by Diana benefited.

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 24TH MEETING -Mike Kroll, Organic Gardening Agricultural Engineer of Somerset's Kroll Farms, explained "Composting – the What & How" to 59 members and 2 guests. Introduced 2018 MGV Nola Weber, Volunteer Coordinator, who replaced John Ramstad. Members shared their garden successes & failures.

3M VOLUNTEER MATCH PROGRAM: Each year 3M Foundation donates \$500, as of 2018, to an approved non-profit organization for each 3M current employee (20 MGV hrs) or retiree (25 MGV hrs) who volunteer at that organization.

MGVs apply on “3MGives” website and select where they want to make the donation before Feb. 28, 2020 deadline for the 2019 year. SCVMGA received \$1,000 in 3M Volunteer Matches from two MGVs.

1ST YEAR WIMGA ONLINE REPORTING of Volunteer and Education Hours: Thanks for Colleen Callahan’s Step by Step Guide to Reporting Hours Online in the Sept/Oct.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 21ST ANNUAL MEETING: Election of officers, budget approval, Financial Review Report, and recognition of four outgoing Board Officers. Two 2019 Grant Recipients’ project presentations and Grant Coordinator Jenny Brazzale’s 20-minute slide show of 2019 projects. Diana Alfuth’s fun Plant Game and Member Survey results about SCVMGA.

SPECIAL THANKS to retiring Board of Directors Vice President Dianne Wright (2018 – 2019), Secretary Carrie Rogne (2018- 2019), St. Croix Co. Rep Phyllis Jaworski (2018 – 2019), and Pierce Co. Rep. Leroy Clark (2016-2019) for their awesome service and dedication.

TWELVE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS: Updated for 12 Board of Directors’ and Committee Coordinator positions.

2019 MASTER GARDENER CLASS INVITATION - Nov. 13th President JoAnn Ryan and MGV Karen Jilek attended class.

2019 EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES: Feb 15 City of New Richmond & Friday Memorial Library partnered with UW-Ext to present “Emerald Ash Borer Program” by Diana Alfuth. March 19 - UW-River Falls presented “Growing a Revolution: Bringing Our Soil Back to Life” by Dr. David Montgomery, Professor of Geomorphology at U of Washington. March 30th - River Falls Public Library held “How to Conduct Surveys of Rare Plants” training session by WI Rare Plant Monitoring Program. April 8th - Menomonie’s Dunn County Extension Office - Diana Alfuth and other UW-Extension Horticulture Outreach Specialists (new title), presented “Responding to Horticulture Inquires”. May 15th - River Falls Public Library, Diana Alfuth taught “Managing Weeds in Gardens, Lawns, and Landscapes”.

KARALYN LITTLEFIELD’S 2019 RECIPES ---Jan/Feb - Swedish Rice Pudding w/Raspberry Topping; Mar/Apr - Danish Puff; May – Rhubarb Jam; June – Tomato Bread; July - Creamed Vegetables; Aug- Malawi-Style Tomato Sauce; Sept/Oct – Canned Apples & Apple Pie.

2019 MEMBERSHIP – 171 members includes 158 renewals (86%) and 13 of 17 (76%) 2018 MG Interns. Current SCVMGA member Patricia Cahoon was in the 2018 MG Class. For 2019, 116 MGVs were certified. In Dec, 2018, 25 MGVs discontinued (14% of 183 members). To date, Online Reporting System (ORS) shows SCVMGA provided 5,097 hours of volunteer service with 11,258 “individual contacts” with people; and completed 1744 hours of Continuing Education.

For 20 years, Diana Alfuth, UW-Extension Horticulture Outreach Specialist (2019 new title), has graciously provided us with her support, expertise, and friendship. As an instructor, her annual Fall MG training class has contributed significantly to our large membership, providing us with new and talented MGVs every year.

Our apologies if we failed to include your event or accomplishment in this Year in Review.