

## **Revised Hour Requirements for 2020 Trainees**

### **20 Hours: Improvised Office Plant Clinics in your home**

Solving gardening problems following the Help Desks processes and procedures and using the recommended resources. Questions will be sent via email, responses with sources identified should be returned to the sender the same way. The process will be coordinated by Elaine Smith with support from Rich Clarkson, Sharon Lohse, and Mary Gabriel. Details will be provided. (VRS = Plant Clinic)

Note: When the help desk reopens, 12 hours of training will be required prior to working alone or with another “new” member.

### **4 Hours: Propagation and Plant Sale(s)**

Propagation by any method in the garden or at home, including watering plants for the plant sale at the garden and caring for fostered plants at home. Also assisting with the mini plant sales in the Summer and possibly Fall of 2020. (VRS = Fundraiser)

### **18 Hours: Hours of Choice**

Choose from the following or any other approved MCMGA activities:

- Marion Garden maintenance and attending the March monthly garden meeting (VRS = Educational Garden, Maintenance)
- Volunteer for Salem Harvest - 8 hrs. max (VRS = Other Approved Activities)
- Participating in Marion/Polk Food Share sorting and packing food and their seed exchange (VRS = Other Approved Activities)
- Serving on the Social Committee (VRS = MG Association)
- Attend a monthly “virtual” Board of Directors meeting. Send an email to [jyangell@msn.com](mailto:jyangell@msn.com) to receive an invitation to the next scheduled zoom meeting on 9/17/20 at 9:30 am. (VRS = MG Association)
- Writing articles for the Garden Gate (if the article is research based & educational VRS = Educational Writing)
- Writing other types of articles for the Garden Gate (VRS = MG Association)
- Writing for Elaine’s blog – details will be provided by Elaine (VRS = Educational Writing)
- Preparing for Seed to Supper classes (VRS = Instructor)
- Preparing for and participating in the “virtual” Junior Master Gardener program (VRS = Instructor)
- Continuing education hours, the details are available in the 2020 Class Materials section of the “Learn” section of our web site. (VRS = Continuing Education Hours)

**Total Required Hours – 42**

NOTE: Additional volunteer hours will be counted towards your first 100 hour swing bar.

**Options for the length of time to complete the required hours for Certification:**

1. Hours must be completed by 10/31/2020 if you want to be considered for a Board of Directors position or any other leadership role in 2021.
2. Everyone who completes the required hours by 12/31/2020 will be listed in the 2021 Membership Directory as an “Active” MG. Permanent MG badges will be ordered in January 2021 for 2020 graduates.
3. Trainees needing additional time may take until 10/31/2021 to complete the required hours. You will be considered “Active” on the first day of the month following completion of the hours. You will be considered graduates of 2021 and permanent badges will be ordered shortly after 10/31/2021.

NOTE: Each of the above options will require completion of 2021 OSU forms and dues payment of \$15.00.