

**OSUE Outstanding Master Gardener Volunteer Project  
2024 Awards Nomination Cover Form****DEADLINE: On or before March 31, 2024**

**Each county can submit one project per category. A county can only win one Overall Outstanding Project Award.**

Title of Project being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Project Was Initiated: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

**County MGV Program Membership Size as of 2023 (Check One)** Small (1-25 members) Medium (26-50 members) Large (51+ members)**Project Category (Check the category that fits best)** **Backyard & Local Foods**

*Projects related to fruit, vegetable or herb gardening for home or local consumption. Examples: community gardens, demonstration or school vegetable gardens or public education seminars.*

 **Environmental Horticulture**

*Projects related to teaching people about the "benefits of plants" for the environment (rain gardens), communities (tree inventories or "Why Trees Matter" programs) or people (horticulture therapy, children's gardens, plant talks).*

**Integrated Pest Management**

Projects related to integrated pest management including the selection, care and best management practices of plants. Examples: demonstration & school gardens (not related to food production), plant trials, garden shows, fair booths, hotlines, or public education seminars on IPM.

**Invasive Species**

Projects related to activities focused on any invasive plant or insect. Examples: invasive species, removal efforts such as honeysuckle, garlic mustard, etc., educational programs or display on invasive species.

**Signature required from:****County Extension Educator for MGV Program or County Extension Director:**


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 Signature

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 Date
**OSUE Outstanding Master Gardener Volunteer Project****2024 REQUIRED Description and Support Materials**

Provide a **description** of the project that includes **all** of the following information. The project description must use the following headings in the below order. **No more than 800 words of combined total for A, B, C, D, & E.**

**A. Project Overview (15 points)**

A short summary paragraph to introduce the project and should include local needs that were addressed. This description will be in the State Awards Program. Will be posted on the State MGV Website.

**B. Target Audience (5 points)**

Provide a description of the target audience (adults, children, locations, etc.)

**C. Educational Goals and Objectives (45 points)**

What did you want people to learn? What did you teach? What steps were taken to achieve your goals and objectives? This section should provide a good picture of the project for the judges.

**D. Evaluation and Impact (15 points)**

How did you measure the value of this program to the community? Provide evaluation results and impact statements including numbers (people, handouts) and behavior change.

**E. Partners and Collaborators (10 points)**

Besides the Master Gardener Volunteers, who else was involved in this project and in what capacity (planning, recruiting, executing, funding and/or advertising)?

**F. Support Materials (10 points)**

Include up to three pages (front & back) of supporting materials. Examples: pages of photos, copies of news articles, examples of awards or recognition. Electronic file only (preferred in Microsoft Word format.) Please don't send originals.

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### 2024 Instructions for Submitting Nomination

1. Nomination must be emailed as an electronic file (preferred in Microsoft Word format.)
2. The **signed** Nomination Cover Form **MUST** accompany the nomination materials. Electronic signatures acceptable. It is also acceptable to complete the Nomination Cover Form, sign and then scan and email it to Jenny Andon at [andon.1@osu.edu](mailto:andon.1@osu.edu).
3. Three (3) separate digital photos **MUST BE INCLUDED** with the form. The photos are used in the Power-Point Presentation at the State MGV Awards Program. Attach the photo as a separate jpg or tif file.
4. **Each county can submit one project per category. Limit one Outstanding Award per year per county.**
5. Project must have been active or completed in **2023**. It can be an ongoing project.
6. County must be up-to-date with State Support fees for the current year.
7. Past OSUE Outstanding MGV Project Award winners may not be submitted.
8. In each membership program size group (small, medium, and large) an Outstanding Project Award will be presented in each of the five (5) project categories. From these project categories winners, an Overall Outstanding Project Award will be presented in each membership program size group.
9. ***Nomination must be received by Jenny Andon on or before March 31, 2024.***
10. All Nominees are encouraged to attend The Ohio State Master Gardener Volunteer Conference.

**Send your completed nomination to:**

*Email Jenny Andon at [andon.1@osu.edu](mailto:andon.1@osu.edu)*

*Questions, call 614.216.4288*

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