

DUTCHESS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- **Horticulture Hotline & Diagnostic Lab, F&HC, Millbrook.**
Volunteers are trained to answer homeowner insect and gardening questions on the hotline. Also, soil pH testing, insect ID, plant ID and diagnosis. Wednesdays from 9-noon, April- Oct.
- **Dutchess County Farm & Home Center Display Gardens, Millbrook.**
Gardens at the F&HC require designing, planting, labeling, watering and routine maintenance (edging, weeding, etc). Tours are offered to the public. These gardens serve as “outdoor classrooms”. Flexible schedule. April-frost.
 - The Sustainable Attainable Garden
 - Shade Gardens
 - Compost Demonstration Area
- **Greenhouse, F&HC, Millbrook.**
Volunteers receive training in all aspects of greenhouse growing practices. Plants are grown for use in our demonstration gardens as well as for our annual Plant Sale. Mid-March- June.
- **Plant Sale, F&HC, Millbrook**
Yearly plant sale of annuals, vegetables, herbs & perennials. Held in mid May. Volunteers needed for planning, set up/cleanup, cashier, sales and assisting customers on day of plant sale.
- **MG Booth at Dutchess County Fair and Other County Events.**
August. Volunteers work at our booth in 3 hour shifts, answering gardening questions from the public.
- **Information Booths**
Staff booths at local farm markets, local garden centers or various events. Spring-fall.
- **Speakers Bureau**
A group of MG volunteers who are available to give talks or lectures to garden clubs, civic groups, etc in Dutchess County. Speakers may have a prepared lecture on a specific topic or may speak on a variety of topics. Year round.

- **MG Newsletter- Garden Gate**

We need volunteers to write for our newsletter. Some examples are:

- Write about trips (MG trips or one you went on)
- Write articles
- Write book reviews
- Anything that might be of interest to other master gardeners- new products you tried, new gardening techniques, tips, etc

Volunteers can commit to either regular or occasional help. Year round.

Newsletters are published for Jan, March, May, July, Sept and November.

- **Dutchess Dirt gardening newsletter**

Write articles for our on-line gardening newsletter. Published monthly.

- **Create a Project!**

Examples are: working with the elderly, schools, towns, etc. Project must be educational to public. Project proposals must be submitted to and approved by CCE-DC staff before being undertaken.

Committees- meetings held at F&HC or sometimes MG homes:

- **Plant Sale Committees**

Teams of volunteers makes plans to ensure our yearly sale is a success. Winter- spring.

- **Trip Planning Committee**

MGs coordinate trips & tours to gardens (private or public), garden centers or other educational places of interest. Trips may be local or long distance, a few hours, all day or overnight. Volunteers choose locations and gather information on available dates, fees, etc to plan trips. Year round.