

## Why Join?

### The professional society...

VMGA is the professional society of VCE-Master Gardener volunteers. Just as some join a professional society associated with a career field, Master Gardeners join VMGA. VMGA shares The mission of professional societies - continuing education, networking and communication.

### The Voice of Master Gardeners...

VMGA is the voice of Virginia Master Gardeners as the statewide association. Through meetings with VCE and VT leadership, the web site and newsletter, you are kept abreast of news and issues. These vehicles also provide information from other units which will enable you to improve the efforts in your local unit and to enhance your experience as a volunteer.

### Because VMGA needs you...

VMGA needs your support. Our voice will be stronger with you as a member.

## How to Join

Complete and detach the application. Mail, along with your dues, to:  
Mary Ann Kincaid, Membership Chair,  
1549 Beechwood Cove  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

## The History

Ten years after the first Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) Master Gardeners were trained in 1978, the need for an organization to conduct statewide activities Was recognized. In 1985, the Extension Specialist, Extension agents and Master Gardener volunteers worked together to create The Virginia Master Gardener Association, Inc. (VMGA). Since 1990, VMGA has been meeting statewide needs of education, communication and networking.

Through the years, VMGA has lent special support to the VCE Master Gardener effort. VMGA published Tech's state-wide VCE-MG newsletter for a while. When budget issues required it in the early 1990's, VMGA assisted groups with forming local associations which could assume responsibilities for training and management of VCE-MGs. VMGA has led several efforts to inform legislators of the impacts and budget needs of VCE.

In return, VCE and VT leadership have responded to requests from VMGA on behalf of all VCE-MGs. An Extension Specialist with responsibility for VCE-MGs, a state MG Coordinator, Master Gardner College, nametags with the title of "Master Gardener Volunteer", discounted *Pest Management Guides*, and continued interest in our ideas and needs are just some of the support VCE-MGs enjoy from VCE and VT.

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# Virginia Master Gardener Association, Inc. Membership Form

VMGA Officers meet with VCE and VT leadership to discuss the ideas, concerns and suggestions of *all* Virginia Master Gardeners.

VMGA publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, *The VMGA Report*, and hosts a website at [www.vmga.net](http://www.vmga.net).

VMGA provides for continuing education at locations around the state, spring and fall, with early notice and discounted registration for members.

VMGA assists local units with local association issues, with project and program information, with web site incubation and with promotion of local continuing education events.

VMGA provides for networking Through its members at association meetings, Master Gardener College, and at VMGA-sponsored continuing education events.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail delivery of Newsletter? (Yes) (No) Access to Membership Roster on VMGA web site? (Yes) (No)

Please check any committee(s) for which you can volunteer and any skills that you can contribute.  
 Education  Web site skills  Communications  
 Membership  Audit/Finance  Newsletter  
 Representative to VMGA from your unit

**Membership Categories** (Please check appropriate category)

**Active VCE-MG** (Trainees, Interns, Master Gardeners, Emeritus MGs) or  **Extension Staff**

- New Active member (\$12 annual dues)
- Renewing Active member (\$12 annual dues)
- Lifetime Active member (\$120 one-time payment, valid as long as you remain an active VCE-MG)

**Non-Active**

- New Auxiliary member (\$12 annual dues for those who were formerly active VCE-MGs and are no longer contributing hours, but wish to continue to support VMGA; cannot vote or hold office)
- Renewing Auxiliary member (\$12 annual dues)
- Sustaining Member (\$250 or more; for individuals or businesses interested in supporting the work of VMGA, Inc.; cannot vote or hold office)

VCE Unit through which you submit volunteer hours (Extension staff, please note unit where you work):

\_\_\_\_\_ Year you completed VCE-MG training: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Education Endowment Fund** I would like to add an additional \$\_\_\_\_\_ to go for MG College scholarships.

This gift is in honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_.

Mail this form and your check (for VMGA dues and Education Fund donation) made payable to "VMGA, Inc." to:  
Mary Ann Kincaid, Membership Chair, VMGA, Inc.  
1549 Beechwood Cove,  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

**State MG Coordinator Endowment Fund** Make check payable to **VT Foundation**; add **Account #886119** in memo line. Mail check to "CALs Development Office, 216 Hutcheson Hall (0402), Blacksburg VA 24061."