

## BCMGA Annual Committee Report

Committee: Mentor Year: 2023

\*Number of Active Members: 21 \*Number of Public Contacts: 0 (contact hours are credited to trainees)

\*Number of volunteer hours (estimates are fine): 120

### Purpose of Committee:

1. To welcome trainees and engage them in BCMGA activities
2. To familiarize trainees with technology and procedures at the help desk or plant clinic to ensure that they can effectively and accurately answer gardening questions from the public

### Goals for the year:

1. To retain as many trainees as possible as active Master Gardeners and BCMGA members
2. To retain as many trainees as possible as workers at the help desk or plant clinic to provide service to the public

### Events/Activities:

1. Mentors may invite trainees and participate with them in any and all activities of BCMGA
2. Desk trainers work at the help desk or at plant clinics with trainees

### How have your goals and events met the educational mission of BCMGA?

1. Activities and programs such as the demonstration garden, school gardens, and other outreach programs are strengthened and their continuity assured by recruiting trainees as new members of those programs
2. Training for working at the help desk or plant clinics assures that the public has access to science-based answers for their gardening questions

### Has your committee had opportunities to meet the needs of underserved populations?

Both aims of the mentor committee indirectly serve to enhance the ability of other BCMGA committees meet those needs by the methods described above

### How might your committee extend events/activities to underserved populations in the future?

The mentor committee does not directly deal with these groups

\*Information needed by Treasurer for annual IRS filing