

BCMGA Annual Committee Report

Committee: Mentoring Year: 2025

*Number of Active Members: 6 *Number of Public Contacts: 0

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

Purpose of Committee:

To welcome trainees and engage them in BCMGA activities
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:

Retain as many trainees as possible
Retain as many trainees as possible for help desk and plant clinics

Events/Activities:

Mentors may invite trainees to any and all BCMGA activities, and are encouraged to volunteer alongside their trainee
During cohort meetings with the BCMGA trainees, activities were planned with giveaways for winning teams, as well as consolation prizes
BCMGA Social was organized with a potluck, prizes, and giveaways

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

The mentor committee supports BCMGA by fostering connections within the association, creating opportunities for learning from each other, and increasing trainees' confidence with asking and answering questions.

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

The mentor committee supports the needs of historically underserved communities indirectly through retention efforts with trainees.

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

The mentor committee is internal and opportunity is being explored to expand outreach of BCMGA to engage historically underserved communities in the program itself and by extension the association.

*Information needed by Treasurer for annual IRS filing

Other information you would like to share that is unique to your committee:

A social is planned for next year, along with a committee fair that was unable to be implemented this past year. The mentor committee will be engaged in those activities again!