

## BCMGA Annual Committee Report

Committee: Plant Problem Scenario Year: 2023

\*Number of Active Members: 16\_\_\_\_\_ \*Number of Public Contacts: 116 (Trainees)

\*Number of volunteer hours (estimates are fine): 100

### **Purpose of Committee:**

**Problem Scenario (PPS)** is an educational program designed to teach Master Gardener trainees interview skills and diagnostic techniques. This is accomplished using role-playing with certified Master Gardeners using plant problem scenarios derived from common local issues. Each scenario, as presented by the role-playing group leader, begins with a request for assistance, much like a Master Gardener might receive while seated at a help desk or at a Farmers Market.

### **Goals for the year:**

In addition to our primary purpose, our biggest goal was to provide in-person gatherings allowing trainees to meet MGs and also get to know each other. We did this by scheduling the PPS sessions right before lunch with an optional brown bag meeting to follow. Unfortunately the majority of trainees left immediately following the PPS session.

— for next year, we hope to schedule meet & greets during the mandatory class times.

### **Events/Activities:**

4 in person slots were scheduled. Due to weather, one session was held over zoom.

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

Prepare trainees to interact with the public at help desk and clinic tables.

Help trainees hone their investigative and deductive skills.

Relieve anxiety about the help desk.

Meet and welcome new Master Gardeners.

Have fun!

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

NA?

\*Information needed by Treasurer for annual IRS filing

How might your committee extend events/activities to underserved populations in the future?  
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**Other information you would like to share that is unique to your committee:**

We scheduled time within our PPS sessions to allow Committee Chairs to talk about their committee projects and solicit volunteers. The presentations were spread out among the three in person sessions. We will try to do that again this year.