

## BCMGA Annual Farmer's Market Committee Report 2023

**Committee:** Farmer's Market Committee Year: 2023

**\*Number of Active Members:** 2-3 \*Number of Public Contacts: 1,455

**\*Number of volunteer hours (estimates are fine):** 203

### **Purpose of Committee:**

- 1) To maintain Master Gardener presence at Corvallis Farmer's Market events throughout the summer.
- 2) To provide easily accessible university based horticultural information to all citizens of Benton County.
- 3) To provide desk training for new Master Gardener Trainees.

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

- 1) To provide answers to gardening questions to the citizens of Benton County and other attendees of the Corvallis Farmer's Markets
- 2) To recruit new volunteers for the Master Gardening Program
- 3) To provide new MGs who still work or go to school a method of gaining volunteer hours

### **Events/Activities:**

A total of 13 dates were planned with one being cancelled due to bad weather.

April 8<sup>th</sup>. Participated in Winter Market at the fairgrounds to distribute free seeds for the Farmer's Market and to advertise upcoming MG plant sale.

April 29<sup>th</sup>. Participated in first Farmer's Market of 'summer' season.

May 6<sup>th</sup>. Provided clinic table for BCMGA plant sale.

May 27. Saturday Farmer's Market

June 24. Saturday Farmer's Market

June 28. Wednesday Farmer's Market

July 22. Saturday Farmer's Market

July 26. Wednesday Farmer's Market

Aug 23. Wednesday Farmer's Market

Aug 26. Saturday Farmer's Market

Sep 23. Saturday Farmer's Market

**Sep 27. Wednesday Cancelled due to weather** at request of Farmer's Market.

Oct 28. Saturday Farmer's Market of the year.

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

Provided direct answers to all people who stopped by the table providing answers to them. If the questions couldn't be answered on the spot the Client information sheets and any plant or

\*Information needed by Treasurer for annual IRS filing

insect samples provided were passed on to the Extension Office Clinic Table for further research and answers to be provided to the client.

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

Yes, by being available on a regular basis for everyone at the Corvallis Farmer's Markets. We took and answered all questions passed to us from anyone in the public who had a question.

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

Perhaps through providing clinic tables at other high traffic venues. We have been asked to consider bringing our booth to Philomath Farmer's Markets which are held on Sunday's. The committee will discuss this possibility at the spring meeting.

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

We reestablished a relationship with these past two summers after a two-year hiatus due to COVID with the Corvallis Farmer's Market leadership. We are reliable and always there on time. We also have reestablished our availability to the people of the county who noticed we were back. We were frequently thanked for being there, especially last year and the beginning of this year. We are once again a fixture in the market. People seek us out and we have substantive discussions every day with our clients. They missed us and are glad we are back!