



2023 Ideas for Master Gardener Volunteer Time

Listed below are a wide variety of volunteer possibilities. Please e-mail or call and let me know if you are interested in any of these activities or if you have your own ideas!

- Be an Ambassadors for the NCSU Extension Service here in Macon County, promoting our programs e.g., commercial and Urban Horticulture, Livestock, Beekeeping 4-H, Food and nutrition.
- Help out with the various work projects at the **Environmental Learning Center**.
- Volunteer in various aspects with the **Macon County Fair** – Set-up, tear down, education booths, horticulture, and other horticulture, craft exhibits.
- The **Senior Center** always has various projects to help the elderly. Contact Kim Crawford 828 349 2058 ext. 2727 kcrawford@maconnc.org
- Work with the elderly in their gardens, landscape areas and especially pruning fruit trees, grapes vines etc.,
- Volunteer to help new landowners identify trees, shrubs, flowers etc..
- Help with Extension Educational Booths at various County Functions.
- Be a **Speaker** on varying Horticulture related topics you're comfortable with for community clubs, schools, radio and or special events as an Extension Master Gardener.
- Help with or start community gardens with advice and or labor in neighborhoods and churches.
- Adopt a school and help out with their landscaping/pruning/weeding etc.,
- Adopt a neighborhood and beautify it e.g., trash pick-up.
- Be a part of my urban horticulture committee (meet 2/yr.)
- Saving Seeds Project
- Plant info clinics at various locations e.g., the Farmers Markets (Saturdays)
- Volunteer along with Greenways. They need help weeding, mulching and at times planting - Contact Elena Marsh e-mail Marsh67@frontier.com
- Volunteer your time at the Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center Center - <https://www.coweeschool.org/volunteer> contact Laura Brooks (Mon – Fri 10-4:00 p.m.) at 828 369 4080 maconheritagecenter@gmail.com

Youth - Tammara Talley, 4-H Agent phone 828 349 2226 tammara_cole@ncsu.edu

- Start and hold a 4-H Horticulture or Forestry Club
- Help out with the Bee and or Livestock Club
- Work with 4-H Agent for a junior mini-gardening program with youth in summer.
- Volunteer time with the 4-H agents in their summer activities.
- Help with maintaining the upkeep of the Appalachian or Bartram Trails. See below for contact info:

Appalachian Trail:

Nantahala Hiking Club: <http://www.nantahalahikingclub.org/>

Look for volunteer tab and click then fill in your contact info

Bartram Trail:

NC Bartram Trail Society: ncbartramtrail.org

Look for volunteer on the trail tab and click then fill in your contact info

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