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Central/NEK Chapter**



What is your favorite area of gardening to learn about?

My favorite area of gardening to learn about is soil.

What is your favorite pest to manage?

My favorite pest to manage has to be the absence of pests 😊 . Other than that I cannot think of a favorite, maybe our English Shepherd Charleston?

What would you consider to be your pride and Joy in your home garden?

My pride and joy in our home

garden is giant red mustard from Korea that tastes very much like wasabi mustard if it gets a lot of sun.

What is your favorite gardening 'go to' book or other resource (educator, column, magazine, etc) for research and learning on horticulture topics?

My favorite gardening 'go to' resource is Ann Hazelrigg.

Do you have a favorite garden you like to visit? Favorite nursery to buy plants?

My favorite is probably High Mowing Seeds. We do not buy plants.

What EMG projects do you work on?

Burlington Farmers Market Table for years, Montpelier Farmers Market Table, Pruning Workshop for the Kellogg-Hubbard Library and many others.

What has changed about gardening since you first became a Master Gardener? What hasn't changed?

Changes about gardening since I first became a Master Gardener are mostly recent with more and more people getting into gardening and wanting to do it naturally. I suppose what has not changed is there are still people who want to use nasty chemicals.