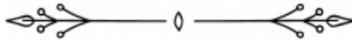


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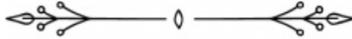
Hello 2019!

The new year certainly has brought a lot of interesting weather to Vermont. Fortunately for us, it's also blown in a great crop of new students who've signed up for this year's master gardener course. Registration for the 2019 course ended on January 16, and this year we have ninety-five, magnificent students signed up. There are seventy-one students in Track 1, (volunteer certification) and twenty-four students in Track 2 (course only). All this year's students are passionate about gardening and bring a lot of great experiences to share with our gardening community.

In other news, the 2017-2018 Master Gardener Annual Report was released on January 1, 2019. You can view it [here on our website](#). It includes lots of great information about our programs in 2017 & 2018. We also have a new statewide [Master Gardener Facebook page](#). Be sure to like our page to receive updates and information about what's happening with the program at the state level.

The volunteer hours form will remain open for a grace period until the end of February giving you an extra month to get those pesky hours forms submitted. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted hours. If you are an active volunteer planning to start a new project this spring or summer, the project application forms will be opening up the beginning of February and will remain open until the end of August. Also, please don't hesitate to call Volunteer Coordinator, Cindy Heath (cindy.heath@uvm.edu) if you need support with your volunteer hours reporting or project application.

Several of the local Master Gardener chapters are planning to host new student gatherings this spring. This is a great way for new students to get involved and network with our community of gardeners across the state. All Master Gardeners are invited to attend and meet new students, and network with other certified Master Gardeners in your region. Our staff would like to extend a big thank you to all the chapter's steering teams who organize these local chapter events. You do a wonderful job welcoming new students into the master gardener program. Thank you!



Project Spotlight



School gardens have become a standard piece of the landscape of school campuses. It is a great opportunity to get them involved. Gardens are reaching their peak and harvest is almost ready to be enjoyed. So get out there! Here are 5 reasons why gardens are an important fixture in the school atmosphere.

1. Gardens provide a place to be outdoors, enjoy nature, and teach young people where food comes from.
2. Gardens can be integrated with curriculum to teach subjects like math and science tangibly.
3. Gardens provide a place for important pollinators to improve balance of the local ecosystem.
4. Gardens create community - often times various stake holders in the school community collaborate in tending the space.
5. Gardens provide food!

Dustin volunteered at the Rick Marcotte Central School Garden in South Burlington Vermont (Pictured above)

Are you a Master Gardener who's been unable to volunteer for 2 or more years? If you fall into this category, please read the Alumni program update below .

[Click here](#) for update

Information to Advance your Gardening Knowledge!

The National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) has new resources!

*Visit the NPIC website for more of our [outreach materials](#).

To request **free NPIC brochures**, please contact us at **800-858-7378** 8:00am to 12:00pm Pacific Time M-F or email us at npic@ace.orst.edu.

New Video!

[What does it mean when food is organic?](#)

*Visit the NPIC website for more [FAQ videos](#)



Vermont Arbor Day Conference

Thursday, May 2, 2019
Vermont College of Fine Arts
Montpelier, VT

This annual one day conference is open to all and intended to enhance technical skills, discuss hot topics, and network with professionals and volunteers engaged in urban and community forestry.

Questions? Contact Gwen at gwen.kozlowski@uvm.edu or 651-8343, ext 506.



New Online Trainings by Kerry Mendez

[*Powerhouse Perennials that Work Overtime so You Don't*](#)

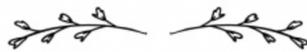
[*Not Your Grandma's Hydrangea: Exceptional Hydrangeas Plus Tried and Proven Tips for Growing Them.*](#)

Gardening folks will also be interested in the [15th Great Gardens and Landscaping Symposium](#) on April 12 & 13, 2019 at luxurious [Woodstock Inn and Resort](#) in Woodstock, VT. Gardeners from all over the country attend this premier event. There is a special registration discount for groups of 5 or more, as well as Master Gardeners.



The Master Gardener Helpline
Spring Training will be held in early April.

[The Master Gardener Helpline](#) will be
opening up for the 2019 season on March 7, 2019.





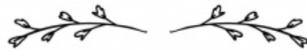
Save the Date!

The 2019 UVM Extension Master Gardener State Conference
at the Shelburne Museum Pizzagalli Center for Art & Education

November 2, 2019

Special Thanks to:

All of the wonderful volunteers who turned in volunteer hours in January.
Special thanks to everyone who donated more than their \$25 annual certification renewal fee. We truly appreciate your additional support and couldn't do it without you.



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[Morning Star Perennials & Nursery](#)

[Mr. Twitter's Home & Garden Accents](#)

[Red Wagon Plants](#)

[Shumway's Landscaping & Nursery](#)

Submit an Event to our Calendar

Recruit Master Gardeners and Interns to help on your project. Keep our network updated on what's happening in your region.

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