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Greetings,

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Each year, at the Gardeners Mini-College, the Oregon Master Gardener Association recognizes County Master Gardeners of the Year, as well as the winners of the Statewide Master Gardener of the Year and the Behind the Scenes Award. County Master Gardeners of the Year are cooperatively selected by local Associations and Master Gardener Program staff. The criteria for selecting County Master Gardeners of the Year are thus cooperatively determined by local Associations and Master Gardener Program staff.

The Statewide Master Gardener of the Year and the Behind the Scenes Award will be selected, from all applications that are received, by the 2012 Mini-College Awards Committee. This five-person committee will use a set of standard criteria to review all applications. These criteria are included in this packet, for your information. Also included in this packet, you will find the nomination forms for the County Master Gardener of the Year, Statewide Master Gardener of the Year and the Behind the Scenes Award.

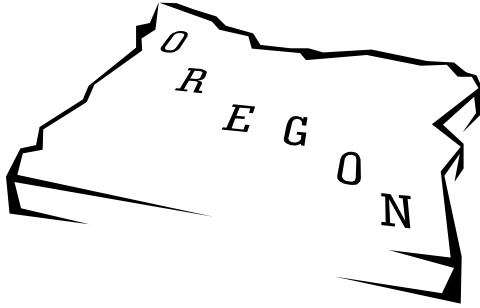
The recipient of the Statewide Master Gardener of the Year award and the Behind the Scenes award will be determined by combining the scores of the awards committee. The nominee with the highest combined score, for each award, will be chosen as the award recipient. Please nominate a single individual. Dual or team nominations are discouraged, unless there is a particularly compelling reason to do so (i.e. you are nominating two family members, who work and contribute as a team). **Applications are due to Gail Langellotto, 2012 Awards Committee Chair, by Friday, May 15th, 2012. Late applications will not be accepted.** Applications may be mailed or faxed to Gail Langellotto, at the address or number provided on this letterhead. Emailed applications, sent to gail.langellotto@oregonstate.edu, are also welcome.

Should you have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact me. Email is the best way to reach me. However, you may also reach me on my cell phone: 541-602-8080.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Langellotto". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "G" and "L".

Gail Langellotto



STATE Master Gardener™ of the Year Nomination

This is the highest award presented to an Oregon Master Gardener™. The Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) and Oregon State University present the award cooperatively. This annual award recognizes outstanding and unusual service benefiting the Oregon Master Gardener Association and the OSU Master Gardener Program. The nominee's contributions to the organizations will be above and beyond those associated with various leadership positions. Please nominate a single individual. Dual or team nominations are discouraged, unless there is a particularly compelling reason to do so (i.e. you are nominating two family members, who work and contribute as a team). *Note: There is only one award made at the state level. If your nominee does **not** receive the state award, please make sure they are properly recognized at the county level for all they have done for your program.*

Complete the form below, and attach an additional sheet as necessary. The awards committee must receive the completed application by **May 15, of each year.**

Nominee information for the Oregon STATE Master Gardener™ of the Year:

Name: _____

County: _____

Address: _____

1. Number of years as an OSU Master Gardener _____

2. Describe the nominee's involvement within the local Chapter. Include a list of leadership positions.

3. List positions held in the Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA).

4. Explain how this nominee has provided outstanding and unusual service to OMGA and the OSU Master Gardener Program, including how their contributions have been above and beyond those associated with leadership positions. (Answer in narrative, attach additional sheet as necessary.): _____

Nominator's name: _____ Phone: _____

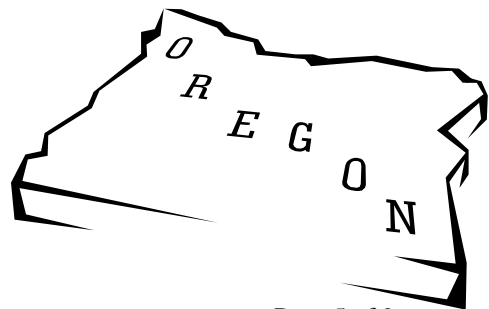
Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments from Extension Agent or MG Program Staff for the STATE Master Gardener™ of the Year Nominee: (Answer in narrative, attach additional sheet as necessary.):

Signature of MG Program Faculty/Staff _____ Date: _____

Return complete application to:
Gail Langellotto
OMGA Awards Committee Chair
4017 ALS Building
Oregon State University
Corvallis, OR 97331-7304



Criteria for Oregon State Master Gardener of the Year

Please nominate a single individual. Dual or team nominations are discouraged, unless there is a particularly compelling reason to do so (i.e. you are nominating two family members, who work and contribute as a team).

Applicants will be scored, based upon the criteria outlined below (50 points possible):

Number of Years as a Master Gardener (5 Points): Master Gardeners should be recognized for the years of service to the Program. However, because this is not the sole or most important criteria on which applications should be judged, this category is only worth 5 points. Please use the following scale to assign a numerical score to this column.

- 1 to 5 years = 1 point
- 6 to 10 years = 2 points
- 11 to 15 years = 3 points
- 16 to 20 years = 4 points
- 21 or more years = 5 points

Local Chapter Involvement (10 Points): Has the nominee held any leadership positions within their local Chapter? Has the person initiated a new program, or have they breathed new life into an existing program, within their local Chapter? Do they play a role in training and/or mentoring new Master Gardeners? Please consider all of these questions, as well as other ways that the nominee may have fostered the success of their Chapter, when coming up with a point score (from 1 to 10) for Local Chapter Involvement.

Positions in OMGA (10 points): Positions within OMGA include: elected officers (e.g. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary), appointed positions (e.g. Historian or Newsletter Editor), ad hoc committee chair (bylaws, McNeilan Scholarship, Mini-College Co Chair, Silent Auction Co Chair, etc.). Please consider the positions held and the roles played by the nominee, within the Oregon Master Gardener Association, when coming up with a score for this column.

Outstanding and Unusual Service (20 points): It is this outstanding and unusual service to OMGA and to the OSU Master Gardener Program that defines the Statewide Master Gardener of the Year. Thus, this category is weighted the heaviest of all categories. Examples of unusual or outstanding service would be taking the lead on a special project for their local Master Gardener Program (e.g. a Master Gardener conference) or for OMGA; establishing a new and worthy project within their local Master Gardener Program (e.g. a new community garden or a mentorship program); any other service that is both outstanding, and above the expectations normally associated with a leadership position or a Master Gardener volunteer.

Comments from Master Gardener Program Staff (5 points): The comments from the staff are important and independent support for each nominee. However, because Program Staff put varying levels of effort into their comments, potential Statewide Master Gardener of the Year will not be overly penalized because of missing or brief comments. Thus, this category is only worth 5 points, maximum.

“Behind the Scenes” Award Nomination



This annual award recognizes an OSU Master Gardener™ who works quietly and unselfishly behind the scenes to further the OSU Master Gardener Program on a county or state level. This is not a person who is out in front working on projects so everyone knows their contributions. Rather it is a person whom few may actually know the level of their contributions. Please nominate a single individual. Dual or team nominations are discouraged, unless there is a particularly compelling reason to do so (i.e. you are nominating two family members, who work and contribute as a team). *Note: There is only one award made at the state level. If your nominee does **not** win the state award, make sure that they receive proper recognition at the county level for all they have done for your program.*

Complete the form below, and attach an additional sheet as necessary. The awards committee must receive the completed application by **May 15, of each year.**

Nominee information for the “Behind the Scenes” Award:

Name _____ County _____

Address _____

1. Number of years as an OSU Master Gardener _____

2. Level of involvement within their local Chapter: _____

3. Explain the “behind the scenes” contribution(s) this person has made to the OSU Master Gardener Program on a local or state level. (Answer in narrative, attach additional sheet as necessary.): _____

Nominator's name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ E-mail: _____
Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments from Extension Agent or MG Program staff the "Behind the Scenes" Award:
(Answer in narrative, attach additional sheet as necessary.): _____

Signature of MG Program Faculty/Staff _____ Date: _____

Return complete application to:
Gail Langellotto
OMGA Awards Committee Chair
4017 ALS Building
Oregon State University
Corvallis, OR 97331-7304



Criteria for Behind the Scenes Award

Please nominate a single individual. Dual or team nominations are discouraged, unless there is a particularly compelling reason to do so (i.e. you are nominating two family members, who work and contribute as a team).

Applicants will be scored, based upon the criteria outlined below (40 points possible):

Number of Years as a Master Gardener (5 Points): Master Gardeners should be recognized for the years of service to the Program. However, because this is not the sole or most important criteria on which applications should be judged, this category is only worth 5 points. Please use the following scale to assign a numerical score to this column.

- 1 to 5 years = 1 point
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- 11 to 15 years = 3 points
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- 21 or more years = 5 points

Local Chapter Involvement (10 Points): Has the nominee held any leadership positions within their local Chapter? Has the person initiated a new program, or have they breathed new life into an existing program, within their local Chapter? Do they play a role in training and/or mentoring new Master Gardeners? Please consider all of these questions, as well as other ways that the nominee may have fostered the success of their Chapter, when coming up with a point score (from 1 to 10) for Local Chapter Involvement.

Behind the Scenes Contributions (20 points): It is this quiet and unselfish service that defines the Behind the Scenes award. Thus, this category is weighted the heaviest of all categories. Is the nominee the type of person that you could imagine asking to complete a task, and you sense that they would complete the task in remarkable fashion, and ask for nothing in return? Have the nominee's contributions to the program been recognized, in some other fashion? Might you call this Master Gardener an 'Unsung Hero' of the Program? These, and other questions, are ones you should consider when determining a score for this category. Please note that service can occur at the local level, the state level, or both

Comments from Master Gardener Program Staff (5 points): The comments from the staff are important and independent support for each nominee. However, because Program Staff put varying levels of effort into their comments, potential Behind the Scenes Awardees will not be overly penalized for missing or brief comments. Thus, this category is only worth 5 points, maximum.