

County Master Gardener Awards Criteria

These annual awards are presented to OSU Master Gardener volunteers from each county by the Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) working cooperatively with Oregon State University.

County Master Gardener of the Year

This award recognizes outstanding dedication and service of an OSU Master Gardener at the county level. Service of this individual should benefit your county as a whole.

County Growing and Belonging

This award recognizes one OSU Master Gardener volunteer who has significantly contributed in **creating a belonging environment, inclusive of diverse communities such as race, ethnicity, culture, abilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or growing our volunteer work in traditionally under-invested communities.**

County Behind the Scenes

This award recognizes one OSU Master Gardener volunteer who works quietly and unselfishly behind the scenes to further the OSU Master Gardener Program on a county level. This is not a person who is out in front working on projects, so that everyone knows their contributions. Rather, it is a person whom few may actually know the level of their contributions.

How:

- County chapter representatives work in conjunction with their local Master Gardener coordinator in calling for and reviewing nominations, and selecting county award winners.
- For each winner, please provide the correct spelling of their name, email address, mailing address, phone number, photo of awardee, and a description of why they are receiving this award (word count to not exceed 200).
- In addition, any comments or notes of support from your local Master Gardener program coordinator.
- Information submitted is used in annual statewide announcements of winners, program inclusion at the Joy of Gardening conference, and the annual impact report.
- **Deadline:** Submit winners' information to statewide office no later than May 15th.

Statewide office is not responsible for incomplete or inaccurately submitted information: please doublecheck spelling of names, and submit quality photos (high resolution, JPG files).

Note: Nominations for statewide awards require a separate nomination process.