

Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteer Service Gardening Project Annual Report

Gardening Project: UWX Plant Health Advisors Year: 2013

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A. Gardening Project Activities:

1. A group of 13 specially trained Plant Health Advisors worked in our own office at the Jefferson County UWX office, 2 days per week from May through September, for 2 (or more) hours shifts, answering homeowners' questions about all aspects of gardening.
2. We used the VolunteerSpot website to sign up for our shifts. We also had announcements in local papers re: contact information and hours. Our hours were posted every week in the 'Around and About' daily calendar in the Jefferson County Union for the first time.
3. We didn't have our own Extension Agent for the entire growing season.
4. May implement some minor paperwork changes.

B. Funding Sources and Expenditures:

No funding that I'm aware of, but we were given Heidi's (former extension agent) old computer which was much faster than our old one.

C. Volunteer Service:

1. 13 MGVA Plant Health Advisors: Barb Schmaling, Beverly Dahl, Christine Punzel, Deb Strobusch, Dennis Bries, Eve West, Jan Sanders, Jeannie Taylor, Lenore Johnson, Mary Tiller, Ron Langellier, Sharon Schweitzer, Sue Wilde
2. _____ # of MGVA leader(s) hours
3. _____ # Total MGVA hours (including leader(s) hours, to be filled in by JCMGVA secretary)
4. # Total (or estimated non-MGVA hours)

This report should be submitted to both the JCMGVA and the sponsoring organization.

Bev, here is Sue's review of the year's questions if you want them:

The statistics are

Number of clients...64

Some had several questions.

Question types:

ID 9

Plant problems 39

Insect problems 8

Other questions:

General information 10

Chemicals 1

6 Questions (included above) open because client did not return contact.

Suggestions had been given them in earlier contact, but they were asked to bring in samples or send a photo of problem for confirmation.

One voicemail did not leave a name or number.

I don't have my record sheet any more re: my hours! 😊

My records from VolunteerSpot says that there were a total of 82 2-hour shifts worked. Or at least signed up for. That doesn't count overtime or travel time, OR, no-shows. I didn't feel like going to the office to check one record against the other.