

## **Mentor Program Overview -**

**Purpose of the Mentoring Program:** To support and assist Associate Master Gardeners as they acquire their certification hours, and become part of the MG community.

### **Mentor Criteria and Responsibilities**

- The mentors will be certified Master Gardeners who have an “active” status.
- Mentors will receive volunteer hours for time spent in the mentor process.
- Mentor’s Responsibilities:
  - a. Attend the Mentor Training Session.
  - b. If possible, help with the student/mentor matching process.
  - c. Attend the Certification Plan Workshop.
  - d. Maintain monthly contact (phone call, email, card) with student through the first year of the certification process.
  - e. Be available to student for questions and guidance.
  - f. Encourage student to attend monthly MGA meetings, and if possible carpool with student.
  - g. Participate in student’s recognition of certification when awarded at MGA meeting.

### **Associate Master Gardener Responsibilities**

- a. Attend the Certification Plan Workshop.
- b. Communicate with their mentor during the certification year.

### **Mentor Coordinator’s Responsibilities**

- a. Provide guidelines, ideas, etc. to mentors.
- b. Attend MG training classes to become familiar with the current students.
- c. Work with the mentors in the student/mentor matching process.
- d. Organize and implement the Mentor Training Session and the Certification Plan Workshop.
- e. Encourage and meet periodically during the year with the mentors to monitor and assist in the mentor process.