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Years of Service Recognition Pins

The State Extension MG office, beginning this year, will supply pins (one-inch round crimson and gray pins) and certificates to recognize volunteers for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30+ years of service in the WSU Ext MG volunteer Program. Program coordinators need to send the names (correctly spelled!) of each person in each of the year categories to Brigitta at least 2 weeks before your ceremony. She will print the names on the certificates which look like the MG certification certificates. Wording will be "In recognition of XX years of service to the WSU Master Gardener Program. Thank you for your dedication to providing public education in our community" (The certificates are signed by Dr. Linda Kirk Fox and me and there are spaces for the County Director and Program Coordinator signatures and the date.

If counties or Foundations wish to supply retroactive pins to veteran MGs, we'll provide you with the address of the company where you can purchase the same pins. No certificates will be sent from the state office for pin recipients prior to 2009.

Templates for MG Promotional Materials

Look on the MG website under *Tools for Program Management, Resources for MG Clinics and Events* to see the new templates for brochures, fliers, posters, banners, and PowerPoint backgrounds. These are designed by Extension Publications to give a uniform and professionally branded look to all WSU Extension MG Programs. Each item may be modified with local pictures and text, county logos, and partner logos. Required disclaimer statements and official logos are included. Read more at

<http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/MGMarketingTemplates.html>

Online Training Sites Open for Mentors

For the 17 counties starting online training in January, your county sites have been set up for mentors and class helpers to access. If you have a group of volunteers you would like to help you with the OLT this year, you may ask them to register, pay and start reviewing the modules now. They must register on line and then pay as per the instructions in the attached document. Of particular interest are the ideas for classroom activities, described in the 2nd section of "Using online Training for MGs." Note: the attached documents are not new. I have sent them in previous emails to you.

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