



St Louis Master Gardeners

Annual Report 2017

*Providing Horticultural Information and Assistance to the Public for
Community Service and Gardening Pleasure through the Volunteer Efforts of
Master Gardeners*





*Bottom Row, l to r:
Cheryl Rafert, Ned Siegel,
Nona Swank. Top Row, l to r:
Betty Struckhoff, Gloria
Mahoney, Durinda Mullins,
Marsha Smith, Terry Milne,
and Anne Rankin-Horton.*

2017-2018 Advisory Committee Members

Chair	Ned Siegel	(Jan 2017-May 2018)
Treasurer	Nona Swank	(May 2016-May 2019)
Secretary	Cheryl Rafert	(May 2016-May 2019)
Immediate Past-Chair	Betsy Alexander	(Feb 2016-May 2017)
At Large	Gordon Gosh	(Jul 2016-May 2017)
At Large	Marilyn Claggett	(Aug 2016-Apr 2017)
At Large	Gloria Mahoney	(May 2016-May 2019)
At Large	Durinda Mullins	(Jul 2016-May 2018)
At Large	Betty Struckhoff	(May 2015-May 2018)
At Large	Terry Milne	(May 2017-May 2020)
At Large	Anne Rankin-Horton	(May 2017-May 2020)
At Large	Marsha Smith	(May 2017-May 2020)
Ad-hoc	Betsy Alexander, Margaret Lahrmann, Nancy McCormick	

Staff

University of Missouri Extension

Nathan Brandt—Horticulture Specialist

Holly Records— Volunteer Coordinator

Missouri Botanical Garden

Glenn Kopp—Hort. Information Manager

Phil Egart—Administrative Assistant



*Left to Right: Nathan Brandt, Holly Records,
Phil Egart, Glenn Kopp*

From the Chair

First established in 1983 by the Missouri Botanical Garden in partnership with University of Missouri Extension, the St. Louis Master Gardener Program has continued to provide ongoing volunteer outreach to the local gardening public. Training classes covering a variety of horticultural topics are held annually as taught by Missouri Botanical Garden staff, University of Missouri Extension faculty, and qualified professionals from the community. After successfully completing the classwork training, MGs become certified only after completing at least forty hours of approved volunteer work. That same volunteer hourly commitment is required annually along with at least ten hours of continuing education in order to retain certification as an active Master Gardener. Following the initial training period, the program is coordinated by an Advisory Committee consisting of nine active MGs who are elected to three-year terms. Advisory Committee subcommittees work closely with the Program Coordinators from the Garden and Extension as well as with Holly Records as the Master Gardener Coordinator while serving on subcommittees that include: Awards/Outreach, Communications, Education and Membership. Program highlights from 2017 included:

- *A total of over 41,000 hours approved volunteer service*
- *52 newly certified St. Louis Master Gardeners*
- *362 active St. Louis MGs (i.e., at least 50 hours service)*
- *83 Speaker Bureau presentations*
- *Master Gardener Garden Tour*
- *\$10,000 Outreach contribution to the Missouri Botanical Garden*
- *Expanded use of public (www.facebook.com/STLMasterGardeners) and private (www.facebook.com/groups/StLMGs) facebook pages*
- *Weekly emails and quarterly newsletters published by Holly Records*
- *Renewed membership in MOMGA, the Missouri Master Gardener Association*

As 2017 drew to a close, we helped bid adieu to Glenn Kopp as he retired following 33 years at MBG. As Horticulture Information Manager, Glenn developed the Plant Finder and Gardening Help features within the MBG website (www.missouribotanicalgarden.org), teaching tools that MGs all over the world have come to enjoy and use on a frequent basis. Glenn also served as the Garden's representative to the StL MG Advisory Committee, and he will continue to serve as a classroom instructor for MG training moving forward, at least in 2018. Thank you for your service, Glenn!

2017 Volunteer Hours

Location/Category	Total Hours
Bring Conservation Home	352.95
Bellefontaine Cemetery	580.70
Brightside St. Louis	189.00
Butterfly House	1,045.84
Continuing Education	4,422.28
Church Gardens	542.50
Community Education	972.80
Community Meetings	55.25
Flora Conservancy	1,322.75
Forest Park Forever	350.00
Forest ReLeaf of Missouri	294.00
Francis Park	66.00
Garden Tours	584.00
Gateway Greening	1,216.75
Grow Glendale Gorgeous	83.00
Independence Center	9.00
Kirkwood Parks	237.00
Lafayette Parks	308.75
Litzsinger Ecology Center	830.91
Longview Farm Park	616.50
Missouri Botanical Garden	17,267.05
MG Administration	1,130.50
Olivette in Bloom	41.00
Other Parks & Projects	2,649.38
Paraquad	243.25
Powell Gardens	11.50
Other St.Louis City Park	413.50
Shaw Nature Reserve	625.75
St. Louis County Parks	2,106.25
Speakers Bureau	462.75
Subdivision Gardens	476.00
Tapmeyer House	84.00
Teaching and Advising	1040.50
The Green Center	203.00
U. City in Bloom	272.00
Weinman Shelter	102.00

Total Hours: 41,208



Fifty-two Master Gardeners certified in 2017

The St. Louis Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program is conducted from January-May each year in partnership with the Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG) and University of Missouri Extension. In 2017, 52 trainees completed the 18-week program and were certified as St. Louis Master Gardeners after fulfilling their volunteer service commitment. As part of the training, students had the opportunity to hear lectures from experts in their field including University of Missouri Extension Staff, Missouri Botanical Garden Staff, and specialists in our community who own businesses or are horticultural consultants.

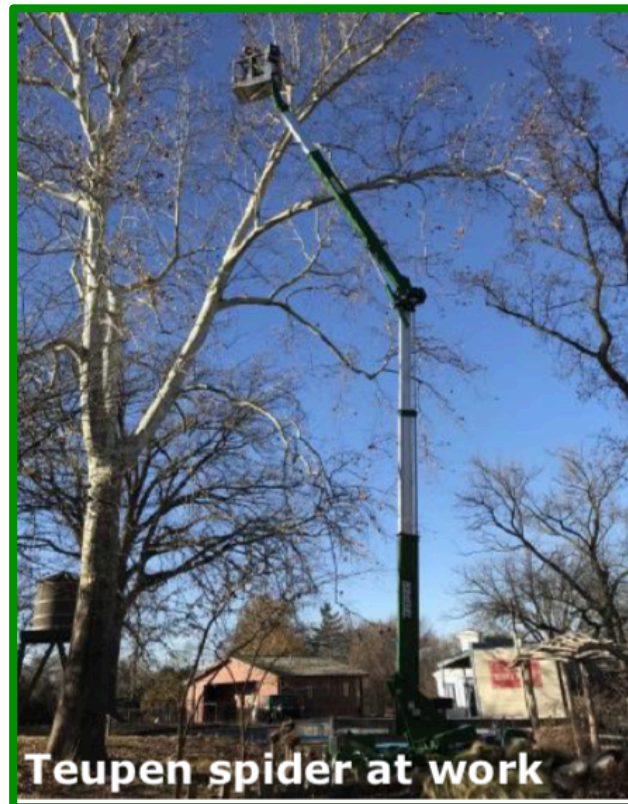
Congratulations to the Class of 2017.....

Beth Bachman	Jeff Gerth	Kristeen Neil
Victoria Bader	Jan Green	Chris Neilsen
Renee Barry	Terry Handley	Anne Niemann
Toni Boschert	Len Harriss	Fran Niemeyer-Murphy
Kimberly Bousquet	Robert Henson	Mary Palazzola
Kerry Brethauer	Anne Hill	Kim Perry
Kathy Burney-Miller	Jennifer Holder	Jennifer Pettinga
Sharon Corcoran	Jean Hunt	Janet Schoedinger
Bill Coyne	Matthew Hyde	Helena Schutte
Debbie Danner	Maureen Jacob	Joy Stapleton
Aimee Dunlap	Rosemary Kilgore	Jill Stone
Teri Edwards	Keith Kretzmer	Gayle Turnbull
Cindy Farris	Margaret Lalor	Anne Welke
Debi Flavin	Mary Lofton	Karen Wientge
Bridget Fletcher	Bruce Mackie	Stephanie Williams
Jean Sims Fornango	Jake Marks	Jane Yu
Carol Gardner	Amy Miller	Randy Zimring
	Joan Morris	

Community Outreach Grants and Awards

Over the past ten years, the St. Louis Master Gardener organization has provided not only community service in the form of volunteer hours but has also donated a total of just over \$79,000 in awards, grants, scholarships, and direct monetary donations to an assortment of groups and organizations, including: Brightside-St. Louis, Compton Hill Water Tower Park and Preservation Society, Covenant House, Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, Gateway Greening, Grow Glendale Gorgeous, Independence Center, International Institute of St. Louis, Lafayette Park, Little Creek Nature Center, Litzinger Road Ecology Center, Maplewood-Richmond Heights School, Mason Ridge Garden Club, McCluer North High School, Meramec Community College, Missouri Botanical Garden, Missourians for Monarchs, Paraquad, St. Louis Audubon Society, St. Louis County Parks, Tappmeyer House, Tillie's Corner, University City Children's Center, Kathy J. Weinman Shelter, and South County Tech Vocational High School.

In 2017, the St. Louis Master Gardener chapter donated **\$10,000** to the Missouri Botanical Garden toward the purchase of a TC69A 'Spider Lift' from Teupen USA, Inc. This advanced spider-style state-of-the-art lift is a remote-controlled scaffold vehicle that operates via either diesel, electric, or battery power as the need dictates. Light-weight and able to balance on uneven ground, the lift is also compact enough to fit through narrow doorways or passages, thereby enabling MBG horticulture staff and tree crews to reach heights of up to 75' while trimming or removing necessary trees and/or limbs. Look for it in use while strolling the Garden grounds!



Teupen spider at work

Continuing Education Classes for 2017

In order to keep up with the latest information related to a wide variety of gardening topics, the Master Gardener Program in St. Louis offers a series of continuing education classes annually – sometimes it might be a lecture, sometimes a tour, and other times it might be a hands-on demonstration. The classes are offered on different days of the week so as to accommodate the schedules of as many Master Gardeners as possible. MGs can also log other classes taken elsewhere as part of their annual ten hour requirement to maintain certification. Any ideas for future continuing education topics are always welcomed!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENTER/TOPIC</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
January 25	<i>Kelley Belina/St. Louis Ozone Gardens</i>	MBG Plant Lab
March 18	<i>Bob and Ann Lee/Monarch Butterflies</i>	Kemper Classroom
May 2	<i>Meredith Perkins/How to Kill a Tree</i>	UM Extension Office
June 16	<i>Master Gardener Garden Tour</i>	Assorted Gardens
July 25	<i>Chris Hartley/Missouri Pollinators</i>	Butterfly House
August 3	<i>Bonsai/Jesse Gilbertson</i>	UM Extension Office
August 10	<i>Tour</i>	Danforth Plant Sciences
September 23	<i>Mark Crenshaw/The Owl Man</i>	Kemper Classroom
October 21	<i>Amy Dunlap/What Bees Know About Flowers</i>	Kemper Classroom
December 7	<i>Holiday Party</i>	<i>Monsanto Center</i>

Speakers Bureau 2017

Eighteen volunteer members from the St. Louis MG Speakers Bureau gave a total of eighty-three presentations to a variety of groups in the Greater St. Louis metropolitan area during the calendar year. Speakers do their own research, generate the forms needed, create useful handouts and most-typically PowerPoint presentations, gather and tote the equipment necessary for the given venue — and then deliver unique, interesting, and useful programs! The venues include restaurants, schools, libraries, and garden club members' homes. The Speakers Bureau currently lists fifty-five programs available for scheduling. Presentation fees of \$50 per talk serve as the main revenue stream for the StL MG organization. Coupled with proceeds from the sale of StL MG merchandise, these funds are used both to offset organizational expenses as well as to support community outreach.

The programs that were presented the most often in 2017 included:

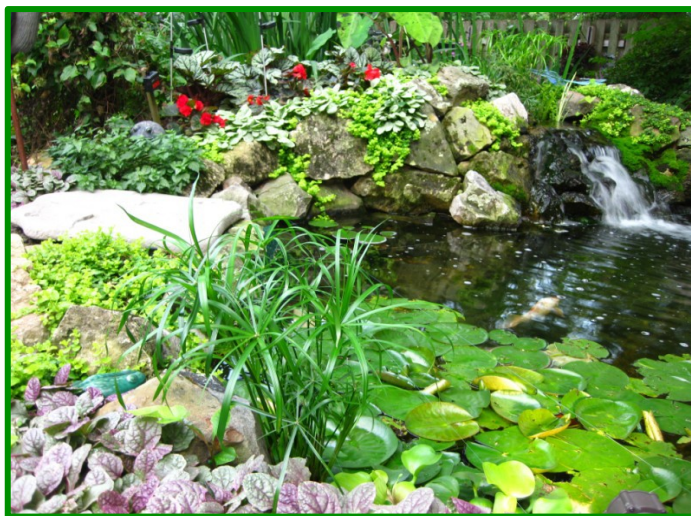
Betsy Alexander	<i>Chocolate</i>
Carol Gravens	<i>Plants that Changed the Course of History</i> <i>Plants, Pollen and Allergies</i> (new in 2017) <i>Orchids: Lure and Legend</i>
Betty Struckhoff	<i>Bring the Natives Home</i> <i>Landscaping with Native Trees and Shrubs</i>
Terry Milne	<i>Right-sizing Your Garden</i>

And new for 2017:

Marc Hartstein	<i>ABC's of Honeybees</i>
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2017 Master Gardener Garden Tour

In order to promote camaraderie and socialization amongst the ranks while also affording MGs the opportunity to tour five spectacular gardens on a glorious early summer day, the third 'somewhat biennial' St. Louis Master Gardener garden tour was held on Friday, June 16. The Community Outreach subcommittee organized the tour of five gardens followed by wine and snacks at MG Leigh Walker's home and garden in Wildwood. A nominal \$5 registration fee netted nearly \$600 in support of future MG Outreach initiatives as 116 MGs (and guests) toured the gardens of Carol and Dan Gravens, June Hutson, Sarah Martin, Jay Laux, and Leigh Walker. Thanks to the garden hosts as well as the MG volunteers who 'worked' the tour.



MG Holiday Party

The annual Master Gardener Holiday Party was held on December 7th at the Monsanto Center. Over 150 Master Gardeners enjoyed great food and company as they helped welcome the new class of Master Gardeners as the 2017 Training Class received their badges. Cumulative milestone Hours of Service Awards were also presented. Many thanks to the Advisory Committee's Membership Subcommittee and its Party Committee members Margaret Lahrmann, Gloria Mahoney, Dotty Moxley, Anne Rankin-Horton, Jill Schappe, and Stephanie Sigala for organizing this year's event, along with the following Volunteer helpers who assisted during the Party: Betsy Alexander, Mary Jo Anderson, Cindy Farris, Joyce Fry, Dennis Green, Diane Grubbs, Barb Hilton, Sarah Martin, Sandy Meyer, Sue Reisel, Maxine Stone, Linda Waugh, and Harold Tennyson.

Hours of Service Awards

The following Master Gardeners were presented with Hours of Service Awards during the Holiday Party in recognition of their significant ongoing volunteer contributions. These Awards recognize cumulative lifetime reported hours, with each incremental 1000-hour milestone acknowledged along with the receipt of a jeweled pin. Thank you all for your continued service!!!!

7000+ Hours

Carol Gravens

4000+ Hours

Betsy Alexander

George Hibbard

Laurian McGrath

3000+ Hours

Chyrle Arens

Dennis Green

Anne Kirkpatrick

2000+ Hours

Marilyn Claggett

Joanne Fogarty

Pamela Fournier

Jan Gowen

Madelynn Kester

Stephanie Sigala

1000+ Hours

Mara Berry

David Buck

Martha Conzelman

Anita Isenberg

Bonnie Langston

Terry Milne

Holly Parks

Ve'Niecy Pearman-Green

Anne Rankin-Horton

Years of Service Awards

The following Master Gardeners were also acknowledged for their Years of Service

35 Years 1983

Mary Ann Pelot

30 Years 1988

Ann Case

Mary Chapman

Linda Koenig

Suze Stark

25 Years 1993

Leigh Walker

20 Years 1998

Jack Breier

Janet Lump

Leon Zickrick

15 Years 2003

Wally Cammarata

Kathleen Ferrell

Jan Gowen

Toni Marie Hayes

Barbara Hilton

Maggie Jackson

Rick Johnston

Madelynn Kester

Ginny McCook

Holly Parks

David Reindl

10 Years 2008

Karla Abel

Cheryl Fox

John Hensley

Lynn Koeneman

Yvette Kurtz

Sarah Martin

Margaret Lahrman

Larry Morrison

Susan Maurer

Fred Ortlip

Cathy Osborne

Holly Records

Linda Robson

Stephanie Sigala

Nancy Zander

5 Years 2013

Mara Berry

Joyce Borgmeyer

David Buck

Susan Collins

Rosemary Currie

Dave Dennon

Joan Disse

Valerie Donahue

Michael Georgen

Anita Isenberg

Marilyn Lane

Cathy McClellan

Sharon McClinton

Glenda McGrath

Mari Parato

Debbie Phillips

Michele Roberts

Laura Schnure

Jodi Smedley

Maureen Tramelli

Steve Varga

Karen Watkins

Donna Webster

Chris Williams

2017 Master Gardener Volunteer Hours

50 hours	Greg Newell	Meg Johnson
Renee Barry	Alberta Chulick	Phyllis Noelken
Diane Binz	Renee Ferguson	Joyce Fry
Aimee Dunlap	Maureen Jennings	Jennifer Loman
Pamela Hass	Jake Marks	Kathleen West
Ursula Hayward	Ann Tuxbury	Sharon Upchurch
Karen Hermann	Pam Manning	Nicholas VonSeelen
Irene Hindman	Len Harriss	Virginia Lay
Jessica Kester	Tamar Albrecht	Lauren Michniok
Raenee Koogler	Cathy Osborn	Mike Olenjack
Anna Leavey	Ve'Niecy Pearman-Green	Jasmine Fazzari
John Lizzo	Joy Stapleton	Claire Linzee
Sharon McClinton	Barbara Tate	Joyce Borgmeyer
Barbara Nichols	Stephen Westbrook	Jean Hunt
Mary Jo Nowobilski	Sandy Meyer	Pamela Schneider
Marjorie Putnam	Kerry Brethauer	Carol Evans
Holly Records	Diana Seevers	John B. Lewis
Davi Swankd	Vicki Haupt	Luanne O'Shea
Anne Welke	Cynthia Baudendistel	Glenda McGrath
Karen Wintge	Sharon Corcoran	Gerald Schaefer
Randy Zimring	Jacqueline Corn	Alan Beasley
Joan Disse	Joanne Fogarty	Sue Chaires
50-99 hours	Toni Marie Hayes	Megan Clinton
Judy Sweeney	Gwenne Hayes-Stewart	Deborah Mouton
Betty Wood	Jill Stone	Debbie Phillips
Glenda Bone	Nancy Yohe	Diane Siegel
David L. Reindl	Karen Wolfe-Kerker	Bruce Chalker
Carolyn Hasenfratz	Teresa Edwards	Terry Handley
Victoria Bader	Sarah Schmidt	Susan Miller
Greg Barker	Kathi Shepard	Kay Banks
Tobie Chapman	Gail Keelin	Cheryl Erman
Kim Jackson	Kate Estwing	Mary Palazzola
Jasna Kezic	Jay Gardner	Steve Van Sickel
Kathy Kuehn	Jan Miller	Patty Benner
Kathy Murray	Linn Wells	Betty Meyer
Steve Smith	John Hyland	Janet Vetter
Donna Steinhoff	Teresa Smith Hagen	Carolyn Willmore
Maureen Tramelli	Leigh Walker	Rose Ahrens
Anne Hill	Jennifer Holder	Anne Silverstein
Nancy Dunlop	Kathryn Jepsen	Kathy Bumbery
Sandy Brooks	Rhonda Porche-Sorbet	Patricia O'Brien
Kirsten Knight	Kate Smith	Nancy Zander
Bill Lampe	Stephanie Williams	Pam Klump

Evelyn Dickerman		Deborah Kettle	Kathie Cahoon
Lynna Overby		Robin Musselman	100-200 hours
Keith Gentry		Holly Stiles	Joan Morris
Betty Reinsch		Cheryl Fox	Harold Tennyson
Mark Sweeney		Fran Kempin	John Danner
Kadie Crivello		Donna Nonnenkamp	Susan Collins
Tammy O'Brein		Lynne Yenawine	Karlene Feldker
Jeff Hoffman		Deborah Ladd	Bridget Fletcher
Chrissie McConnell		Terry Milne	William Coyne
Barbara Novak		Kimberly Bousquet	Anita Joggerst
Charmaine Hutchings		Martha Conzelman	Paula French
Virginia Bangert		Marc Hartstein	Suzanne Albright
Sandy Ericson		Sandra Willems	Kelda Abe
Deborah Beezley		Linda Monday	Bruce Mackie
Wally Cammarata		Nona Swank	Deborah Callihan
Donna Webster		Theresa Biggs	Janet Carlin
Marjorie Dahmer		Jim Schuck	Fred Ortlip
Patty Erker		Gary Hartman	Ann Robison
JoAnn Kresko		Chris Williams	Don Rumer
Yvette Kurtz		Carolyn Crowell	Donna Zerega
Susan Kennedy		Kim Gamel	Debbie Danner
Amy Miller		Keith Kretzmer	John Hensley
Donna Riegel		Sara Moore	Suze Stark
Mary Deschene		Ernestina Short	Veronica Johnson
Maggie Jackson		Steve Varga	Marilyn Claggett
Michael Georgen		Helena Schutte	Cindy Farris
Jack Hipps		Bonnie Langston	Aggin Hollifeld
Don McQueen		Paula Miceli	Bonnie Lorenz
Cherie Moody		Armetta Smitley	Gary Meyer
Maureen Spaete		Deni Dickler	Carol Stockwell
Holly Berthold		Weiqin Yu	Jack Breier
Susan Maurer		Charlotte Schneider	Gayle Turnbull
Barbara Swanson		Karen Hindman	Nancy McCormick
John Stephens		Sue Neidenbach	Robert Henson
Matthew Hyde		Dan Walter	Judy Evans
Robert Weaver		Rita Zeitz	Ann Eveker
Ann Whitney		Nona Swank	Laura Schnure
Beth Bachman		Denny Garner	Jodi Smedley
Christine Neilsen		Anne Niemann	Mary Lofton
Jennifer Pettinga		Jean Steward	Julie Geary
Alison O'Brien		Peggy Stuckmeyer	Dave Dennon
Jean Sims Fornango		Maureen Jacob	Linda Tonnies
Katie Belisle-Iffrig		Linda Kalicak	Mari Perato
Jan Hermann		Rita Buckley	Rosemary Currie
Jeff Gerth		Jill Schappe	Gail Hoffman
Sandra Hopkins		Jane Kerlagon	Maxine Stone

Karen Watkins		Juanita Walker	Ron Stevens
Nichole Blume		John Lorenz	Betsy Alexander
Margaret Lalor		Gloria Mahoney	Ronda Anson
Gretchen Bertz		Carol Lentz	Chick Buehrig
Mary Ellen Dockery		Patricia Jones	>400 hours
Kay Pelikan		Marilyn Lane	Mark Kalk
Helena Bedalli		Debra Ebel	Margaret Grant
Linda Koenig		Sheila Hayes	Carol Gravens
Cathy McClellan		Sue Reisel	>500 hours
Chyrle Arens		Marlene Katz	Chuck Brust
Jan Green		Madelynn Kester	
Ken Wheat		Pamela Fournier	
Jan Gowen		Gerard Murphy	
Linda Bolhofner		Larry Morrison	
Jeanne Clerc		Carol gardner	
Lois Kordenbrock		Michele Roberts	
Emery Harmon		>200 hours	
Ken Seher		Ruth Grega	
Susan Hackney		Anne Rankin-Horton	
Jeanne Klebusch		Linda Robson	
April Grgurich		George Hibbard	
William Lenz		Jeff Lund	
Doris Johnston		Mary Jo Anderson	
Margaret Lahrmann		Janet Schoedinger	
Yvette Luedde		Leon Zickrick	
Chrise Miller		David Buck	
Rosemary Kilgore		Diane Grubbs	
Mara Berry		Sharon Buchanan	
Leslie Lenz		Deanne Buck	
Stephanie Sigala		Sophie Connor	
Kim Comer-Ross		Anita Isenberg	
Marsha Smith		Ann Case	
Mary Lee Walter		Gordon Gosh	
Christy Hamilton		Michael Hey	
David Horton		Audrey Wattler	
Beth Austin		Betty Struckhoff	
Laura Million		Hera Gerber	
Ned Siegel		Myra Moscowitz	
Chris Kirmaier		Claire Chosid	
Cheryl Rafert		Barbara Holton	
Madalyn Payne		Kristeen Neil	
Cynthia Rill		>300 hours	
Susan Pinker-Dodd		Dan Gravens	
Holly Parks		Dennis Green	
Susan G. Nelson		Virginia Johnson	
Durinda Mullins		Laurian McGrath	