



Vancouver Island Master Gardeners Association
Membership Application



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Email Address: _____

Applicant Status: (Please check one)

- Student applicant from VIU/VIMGA Master Gardener Program:
I completed the classroom portion of the Master Gardener Program in (year)_____.
- Applicant from elsewhere in BC:
I completed my MG training at _____ Chapter in (year) _____
- Applicant from outside BC:
I completed my MG training in _____ (jurisdiction) and have been a member in good standing since _____ (year), OR, for the period from _____ to _____.

I understand that my contact information will be included on the Vancouver Island Master Gardeners Association (VIMGA) secure chapter section of www.mgabc.org, which will be visible to all Master Gardeners who have a user ID and password. I will not share the contact information of my fellow Master Gardeners with anyone for non-gardening or commercial purposes.

I understand that the main method of communication for VIMGA is via email, and I will receive information from VIMGA about clinics, meetings, and other horticultural-related activities by email.

I also understand that photographs of me participating in my capacity as a Master Gardener may be published on the website or social media, and that I may be identified by first name only.

I confirm that I subscribe to the Vancouver Island Master Gardeners Association Mission Statement and will comply with the VIMGA Bylaws.

Please sign and date this form and email it to membership@vimga.org

Membership dues payable to VIMGA in the amount of \$40/year by E-transfer to treasurer@vimga.org

OR mail both cheque and form to:

VIMGA Treasurer, #101 -5170 Dunster Road, Suite #299, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6M4

Note: Students joining after completing the class part of the VIU Master Gardener Program need pay only \$10.00 at time of joining. Thereafter, the dues will be \$40.00 per year.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

My areas of interest and/or expertise in volunteering and/or gardening outside the hours needed to maintain my certification are:

Interests: Administration Mentoring/Teaching Writing/Speaking Expertise: _____

Comments: _____

The title **Master Gardener** may be used only when acting in a volunteer capacity for VIMGA or for another chapter of Master Gardeners Association of British Columbia (MGABC). Members may list their master gardener training and experience as a volunteer qualification when seeking employment. However, once employed, and while serving as a paid employee, members must not display credentials or give the appearance of being a volunteer MG at the place of business.

Code of Conduct

The VIMGA Code of Conduct is intended to support and encourage ethical and respectful behaviour within the Association for the safety and well-being of all members.

Respectful Community

VIMGA strives to create community volunteer activities where all participants are treated with dignity, respect, and without discrimination.

We value diversity, inclusivity, and courteous communications. Disrespectful behaviour, harassment, and bullying in any form will be addressed within the Association.

Ethical Behaviour

Members are required to represent the Association with integrity while participating in all VIMGA activities. Members are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner that enhances public trust and confidence in VIMGA.

It is the Mission Statement of VIMGA to educate the public using current science-based horticultural knowledge and environmentally responsible practices. Members are expected to provide research-based information at all VIMGA events, and cite references when using written formats.

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