



How do I volunteer for a clinic?



Each district has a **District Planner (DP)** who is responsible for the relationship between VIMGA and the volunteer venues within each district. Early in the year, the DP contacts the previous year’s venues to confirm dates and times for the clinics for the upcoming year. The DP also identifies new venues including annual community events. The venues hosting clinics vary between districts, but most will have clinics at garden centers, farmer’s markets and Seedy Saturdays/Sundays. The majority of clinics occur during the Spring and Summer months, depending on the district. Each clinic can last anywhere from two to five hours and will always have at least one CMG (Clinic Coordinator) and may have from one to four other CMGs and/or interns, depending on the needs of the venue.

How do I sign up for a clinic?

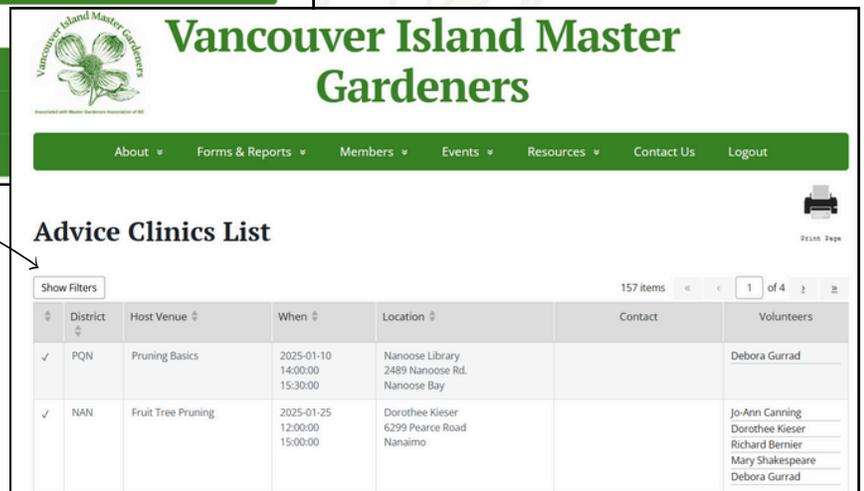
Before the start of the clinic season (usually in February), the DP will email district members the date, time and place where they can sign-up for clinics. Typically, this is outside normal work hours, in a central location, and begins with a brief social. The time to sign up is initiated by the DP. Any member who is unable to attend the official sign-up meeting will be supported by the DP in getting signed up for clinics.

When you attend this meeting **consider:**

- how many volunteer hours you need for that year to meet your requirements. (Interns need 65 hours over the 2 years with a recommended 35 hours in the first year. At least one-third of these hours must be in traditional clinic settings.)
- bringing your calendar (paper or electronic) so you can select which clinics work with your schedule AND so you can record the location and time.
- for the first couple of clinics, signing up with a CMG or another intern that you know.



A PQN clinic sign up event.



The DP will create a Clinic Report on the VIMGA website for each clinic, listing the venue information as well as those CMGs and interns who have signed up to attend. Your DP may send you a final list of all the clinics, but, if not, consult the Advice Clinic List on the VIMGA website for the most up-to-date clinic listings. You can filter the list to show only those clinics in your district.

(<https://www.vimga.org/reports/advice-clinics/>)