



## How do the volunteer opportunities differ between districts?



Each district is involved in operating traditional Advice Clinics at host locations such as garden centres, and Seedy Saturday/Sunday events. Members also provide advice and education via Garden Advice Parties (GAPs), the Garden Advice Line (GAL), and contribute to the Vancouver Island Regional Library's online Gardening Seminar Series. The volunteer opportunities listed below, however, are unique to each district.

### North Island:

The North Island District covers the greatest geographical area of VIMGA. Unique volunteer opportunity partnerships include:

- **Comox Valley Newcomers' Club**
- **Comox Valley Horticultural Society**
- **Comox Valley Farmers' Market**
- **Cumberland Home and Garden Tour**

### Parksville, Qualicum and Nanooose:

The Parksville/Qualicum/Nanooose District covers a broad geographical area. Volunteer opportunities unique to PQN include:

- **Milner Gardens and Woodland / Food Demonstration Garden and Propagation Department**
- **VIMGA Plant Sale** at the annual *Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society (MARS) plant sale*
- **Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society (MARS) 2-day Mother's Day Garden Tour**
- **Farmers' Markets**

### Nanaimo:

The Nanaimo District (which includes Gabriola Island) provides several unique volunteer opportunities, including:

- **Beban Learning Gardens**
- **Annual Nanaimo Rhododendron Society plant sale**
- **Nanaimo and Cedar Farmers' Markets**
- **Altrusa Garden Tour**

### Cowichan:

The Cowichan District collaborates with the following organizations creating District specific volunteer opportunities:

- **Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society**
- **Ladysmith Rotary and Duncan Rotary annual garden tours**
- **Ladysmith Community Garden**
- **Ladysmith Saltair Garden Club**
- **Cowichan Exhibition Fall Fair.**