



## What are the opportunities to volunteer as an intern?



There are different ways to accrue your 65 volunteer hours over 2 years. Each involves educating the public about gardening. As an intern, you will always be working with a certified Master Gardener (CMG). Following is a list of some of the opportunities that you will be introduced to at your District meeting or through emails from the Executive. *If there is a request for volunteers and you are interested in participating, don't hesitate to send in your name even though you are an intern! ALSO, if you have suggestions/ideas don't hesitate to discuss them with your Continuing Mentor.*

Activity	Hours Accrued*	Description
Traditional Clinic	1 hour/ each hour	A <b>District Planner</b> arranges clinics at various gardening-related venues. Once these are scheduled, members sign up to volunteer. A <b>Clinic Coordinator</b> is a CMG who facilitates all aspects at that venue. Generally at least one CMG and several intern work together at the clinic. Clinics can range from 2 to 5 hours. Locations may include nurseries, garden centres, plant sales, farmers' markets, garden shows and garden tours.
Assisting community organizations or schools in gardening initiatives	1 hour/ each hour**	Examples may include organizing activities in a school garden, or volunteering at a nonprofit gardening organization. Discuss with your <b>Continuing Mentor</b> .
Writing articles (e.g., magazines, websites, newsletters, etc.)	1 hour/ 500 words	Written articles are encouraged but need to be approved and reviewed by your <b>Continuing Mentor</b> to discuss your idea and how to proceed. (Note: Hours for electronic or face to face presentations are different.)
Presentations	1 hour/ presentation hour	Members interested in giving presentations for the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) Gardening Seminar Series should contact the VIMGA <b>Gardening Series Coordinator</b> . Alternatively, presentations or workshops may be arranged with community organizations, e.g., Garden Clubs. Discuss with your <b>Continuing Mentor</b> .
Garden Advice Parties (GAP)	1 hour/ each hour	Each District receives requests from the public for gardening advice for their private property. A <b>district CMG</b> coordinates with other members including interns to arrange a time to visit the property. Most are 2 hours.
Plant Picks	1 hour	The <b>Plant Pick Article Program Coordinator</b> reaches out to interested members to write articles for Milner Gardens & Woodland on plants located on the grounds and chosen from the MGW "What's in Bloom" list.
Garden Advice Line (GAL)	1 hour/ question	In partnership with the Milner Gardens and Woodland, VIMGA manages the Garden Advice Line (GAL). Members answer questions posed by the public through email ( <a href="mailto:GardeningAdvice.MilnerGardens@shaw.ca">GardeningAdvice.MilnerGardens@shaw.ca</a> ). The <b>GAL Coordinator</b> distributes the questions to teams of two members who have volunteered.

\*volunteer hours can be accrued through traditional clinic advice, other advice hours (e.g., above), and administration hours

\*\*new projects require pre-approval from the Lead Mentor and your Continuing Mentor