



What is involved if I volunteer for the Plant Pick Article Program (PPAP)?



The Plant Pick Article Program (PPAP) is a collaboration between Milner Gardens & Woodland (MGW) and VIMGA. VIMGA members write articles for MGW on plants located on the MGW grounds that are chosen from the “What’s in Bloom” list. These are published on the MGW website under Education towards the bottom of the main page (<https://milnergardens.viu.ca/plant-picks>).

At the beginning of the year the **Plant Pick Article Program Coordinator** sends an email to all VIMGA members asking for interest in the project. (Interns are welcome and encouraged to participate.) A list of plants is sent to the volunteers who then choose one or more plants to write about. The writer must sign an agreement (see the 2024 example below), write the article in the format that is provided, and submit it by the due date. Members earn one Other Advice Hour and up to two Education Hours for each article published.

**VIU's Milner Gardens & Woodland
PLANT PICK**
by Vancouver Island Master Gardeners Association

Latin name:

Common Name:

Pictures (2-4):
[whole plant & interesting features – leaves, flowers, bark, fruit]

Short Wording for social media: [2-3 sentences]

Long wording For website: [75-150 words]

Form:

Foliage type:

Height/Width:

Hardiness Zone:

Exposure:

Flower Colour:

Leaf Colour:

Flower Time:

Preferred Soil & Watering:

Other:

Written by:

Date:

Photo Credit:




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Milner Gardens & Woodland (MGW) Plant Pick Article
Supported by the Vancouver Island Master Gardeners Association

Instructions to VIMGA Volunteers

The Plant Pick Article:

- The plant is located on MGW grounds and is chosen from the MGW “What’s in Bloom” list
- The plant for the Article will be the volunteers’ choice, chosen from a short list drawn up in consultation with MGW horticulture staff
- Photographs will come from plants at MGW
- The creator of the Article retains intellectual property rights but permits VIMGA and VIU to use the Article for publication pursuant to the Milner Gardens & Woodland Plant Pick Agreement between VIU and VIMGA
- The creator agrees to give precedence to VIU for publication of the Article and to not publish the Article in any other publication during the same growing season.
- The creator must comply with Item #4 of the Plant Pick Agreement which pertains to copyright infringement*
- The Article format must comply with the instructions and template provided by VIU
- By line – authorship credit will be an option at the time of completing a Plant Pick form, but will always mention that the Article is written by a VIMGA MG or Intern
- Each Article will include the standard VIMGA disclaimer: *Advice is given without charge and although it is believed to be correct, it is given on the basis that there is no liability on part of the Master Gardener, VIU or the Vancouver Island Master Gardeners Association*
- To be credited VIMGA volunteer writing hours, a copy of the published article must accompany the Record of Volunteer Hours Form at year end. Writing is credited at 1 hour for Other Advice Hours, plus up to 2 hours for Education Hours (research)
- Prior to submission to VIU’s Plant Pick, the article must be reviewed by the VIMGA Editor: (), has volunteered to review it for grammar and content accuracy. The completed Article will be submitted to Denise Winter and Emily Weeks at MGW for placement on the MGW website.
- The creator must wear their VIMGA name badge at all times if visiting MGW as a volunteer
- The creator must sign and date below acknowledging that they agree with the terms set forth in these instructions.

*A copy of the Plant Pick Agreement will be attached to these instructions.