

## **West Virginia Master Gardener Golden Trowel Award**

This recognition is given by The WV Master Gardener Association to an individual staff person of the West Virginia Extension Service (county or state level) for their unwavering support of the WV Master Gardener Program.

### Guidelines for Selection of Golden Trough Award Recipient

- Nominations must be in writing with a narrative documenting concise examples of their contributions to Master Gardener programs, at the local, regional or state level. Each nomination is limited to two single-sided pages.
- All nominations must be submitted to the Chairman of the WV Master Gardener Association Awards Committee. In the event the nomination is coming from the local level, it must be endorsed by the Executive Committee of the local group.
- Nominations must be submitted at least three (3) months prior to the established dates for the annual West Virginia State Master Gardener's Conference.
- Two letters of support must be included with the nomination. These letters will include letters from:
  1. an officer of the local organization, or in the event contributions have been related to regional or state level activities or program, the chairman or coordinator for such programs or activities.
  2. the Extension Agent who has actively worked with this individual.
- 1. This award is presented annually at the West Virginia Master Gardener Association's annual conference. The recipient of this award must agree to attend the conference.
- An individual may receive the Golden Trowel Award only once.
- Nominations may be resubmitted each year, but must show evidence of updating and the nominee's sustained support of the WVMG Program.

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