

BUSY BEE AWARDS **Washington County Master Gardeners**

Guidelines: This local award was started in 2024 by the WCMG Executive Committee to recognize each year a WCMG member or trainee who records their first 50 **sanctioned** project or committee hours to the organization. Non-sanctioned or education hours are not considered for this award. WCMG members or trainees will receive the Busy Bee lapel pin at the monthly WCMG membership meetings beginning in April and going through December. There are no nomination requirements.

The WCMG Membership Committee's Online Hours Managers maintain the records and provide the summary list of qualified WCMG volunteers to the WCMG President. The Awards Committee purchases the pewter lapel pins and maintains the supply at the Extension Service office. Only one Busy Bee lapel pin is awarded annually to qualifying WCMG volunteers.

Purpose: To encourage WCMG volunteers to record volunteer hours promptly and to recognize those who record at least 50 volunteer hours for sanctioned projects and/or sanctioned committees. Many WCMG volunteers do not meet the requirement for 200-plus hour awards. The Busy Bee award is a way to recognize these volunteers for their hard work and many contributions to the WCMG program.

Process:

1. Starting in March, the WCMG Membership Committee Hours Coordinator(s) will run a monthly summary list of WCMG volunteers who recorded their first 50 sanctioned hours for sanctioned projects and/or committees.
2. Membership Hours Coordinator(s) will provide the monthly summary list to the WCMG President.
3. Starting in April, the President will forward the report to the Busy Bee administrator (CES Admin. Specialist Mariette Spidel) and the Awards Committee chairperson.
4. WCMG Awards Committee will announce names of qualifying WCMG volunteers who may receive lapel pins at monthly membership meetings beginning from April through December.
5. The President is responsible for creating the PowerPoint slide naming each month's Busy Bee Award recipients from April through December.
6. Those WCMG volunteers who are not present at the meeting can obtain their pin at the Extension Office.