

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 Online Hours Managers maintain the records and provide the summary list of qualified WCMG volunteers to the WCMG President. The Awards Committee is responsible for purchasing the pewter lapel pins and maintaining 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. After March 31st and prior to the April WCMG meeting, 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. December hours are excluded in the Busy Bee awards due to the deadline of hours entry of December 15.
3. Membership Hours Coordinator(s) will provide monthly summary lists to the WCMG President.
4. The President will share the reports to the Awards Committee chairperson to ensure adequate numbers of pins are available each month.
5. WCMG Awards Committee designated member will announce names of the qualifying WCMG volunteers Busy Bee award recipients at quarterly WCMG membership meetings in April, July, October, and December.
6. The President is responsible for creating the PowerPoint slide naming each month's Busy Bee Award recipients from April through December.
7. Those WCMG volunteers who are not present at the meeting can obtain their pins at the Extension Office.
8. WCMG Awards Committee maintains an adequate supply of lapel pins and reorders as needed.