



## Overview of Categories:

- **Organic Garden Tours and Guides** – Public and/or Private Gardens that use organic gardening practices or have been designed using Sustainable Gardening principles are identified and public tours (with consent) are developed to highlight these. OMGers can act as guides on the tours, answering questions from the public about the gardens and the organic methods and practices used.
- **Community Projects** – Community Projects include ongoing programs in cooperation with schools, seniors and youth programs, or in other similar settings such as working in community and/or public gardens where organic methods or techniques are in practice.
- **Informational Events** – These are settings where OMGers are made available to the public to answer questions or offer advice about organic gardening science, methods or practices – such as at Farmers' Markets, Community/Neighborhood Festivals, Plant Sales, or other similar events. Providing information about the OMG program and SOUL via a 'booth' or 'table' at a community or professional Trade Show, Convention, or similar setting, would also be included.
- **Workshops** – Workshops for the public where specific organic topics or techniques are demonstrated and shared in a hands-on setting.
- **\*Special Presentations/Guest Speaking** – Presentations, talks, lectures in the community or at a SOUL meeting or for other Garden Societies/Clubs et al, or in association with other special events.
- **Committees/Administration** – 'Committee' refers to the SOUL Central Board, the SOUL Vancouver Executive, or the OMG Committee, or any of its Sub-Committees. Service on any of these can be counted as OMG Volunteers hours. A minimum one-year commitment is expected per term or assignment with regular attendance required at each Committee's monthly meeting. Depending upon the Committee, there will be 10 – 12 meetings per year. Tasks or Assignments carried out by Committee members outside of, or in addition to, the meetings are considered 'Administration' hours.
- **Newsletter/Article Writing** – An Editor will oversee production of a Newsletter focused on activities, advice and/or information specifically for and/or about the SOUL Vancouver Chapter and its OMG program. Articles will include, but are not limited to, reporting and feature writing about organic gardening (advice or information – not travelogue) or Sustainable Gardens that may also be intended for trades, magazines or other publications. Related photography as well as book reviews and reviews of documentaries or similar media that have a significant focus on Organic practices and/or Sustainable Gardening may also qualify. Time devoted to these can either be designated as Volunteer Hours or Continuing Education hours.
- **Research/Educational/Promotional** – Special projects such as researching and creating pamphlets, presentation materials or other educational and promotional media intended to support OMG and SOUL activities/programs. Time devoted to these may be designated as either Volunteer or Continuing Education hours.
- **Publicity/Events** – Organizing, creating and promoting a calendar of special events in support of OMG and SOUL. OMGers may also be called upon to assist in various capacities at the events.
- **Miscellaneous** – Projects and topics that don't obviously or necessarily fall under the categories listed above. In such cases, OMGers should fill out an **OMG Volunteer Project Proposal** form (**OMG(V)-VPP**) and submit it to the OMG Committee for review in advance. In certain cases, projects may be re-assigned to an existing category; but, in general, this process will help in collecting information that can be used to build an 'idea pool' that can act as a resource for other OMGers as well as to assist in expanding OMG Volunteer Programs.
- **Continuing Education** – OMGers are responsible for attending a minimum of **12 hours of Continuing Education** courses or lectures per year on garden or gardening-related topics. Attendance at SOUL meetings qualifies as 1 (one) hr per meeting as long as a Guest Speaker or similar component is featured. Please include either the name of the Guest Speaker or his/her Topic when entering this information under Location/Venue. (Example: SOUL Meeting - John McDonald; or SOUL Meeting - Beekeeping) OMGers in their first year after completing the Basic Course will be considered to have met their Continuing Education commitment for that year, although hours accrued in additional classes, lectures or attendance at SOUL meetings should still be recorded on this form.

\* In accordance with SOUL by-laws, speakers and their topics must be vetted and approved by SOUL prior to representing SOUL in such a manner or venue.