

# NEW EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM COORDINATOR FACT SHEET



Welcome to the national network of the Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Program Coordinators! The resources and tools below will help you succeed in your new position. Feel free to contact your regional representative for more information, <https://mastergardener.extension.org/>.

## RESOURCES

- **EMG Coordinator Resources** website is a compilation of resources that have been created and reviewed by your colleagues, and that are intended to support your efforts in EMG volunteer management and administration. This includes the [national mission statement and program standards](#), resources on program planning, conflict management, diversity and inclusion, [social media management training](#) and more. As a Coordinator, you can also add to these resources with materials that you find useful in managing your EMG program.
- **Journal of Extension** is an open access, peer-reviewed journal that brings the scholarship of university outreach and engagement to educators and practitioners around the world.

## NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- **Extension Master Gardener National Committee's** primary purpose is to provide a national focus and contact point for the national EMG program. [Click here](#) for more information and to contact the Committee. The committee consists of regional representatives who you can contact to share concerns, ask questions, etc.
- **International Master Gardener Conference Committee** is tasked with determining the location of the International conferences. They are also responsible for the Search for Excellence Awards for EMGs.

## STAY CONNECTED

- **Extension Master Gardener E-News Blast** is a monthly communication from the Extension Master Gardener (EMG) National Committee. The purpose of this publication is to promote national and regional master gardener coordinator and volunteer conferences and professional development opportunities. [Click here](#) to subscribe to the [newsletter](#).
- **National EMG Listservs** allows you to communicate with other EMG Coordinators nationwide. There are two listservs, one for State Coordinators and one for all Coordinators (state and county). The State Coordinator listserve is for those responsible for the State EMG program. This can be used to discuss a variety of topics or to ask other state coordinators to share information with their Counties. The Coordinator listserve is for all coordinators, both State and County. Post questions to others regarding program management, volunteer topics or to share ideas. Consult this list to learn how other states are approaching similar issues; post questions to the list regarding some of your challenges; and learn about educational opportunities nationwide. To join a listserv, contact John Orick, EMGNC Communications Subcommittee Chair at [orick@purdue](mailto:orick@purdue).
- **Conferences** are available for professional development as well as for EMGs. The following are national and regional opportunities:
  - Extension Master Gardener National Coordinator Conference (held in even years for Extension staff)
  - [International Master Gardener Conference](#) (held in odd years for Extension volunteers and staff)
  - [National Extension Conference on Volunteerism](#) (held in odd years for Extension staff)

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