

Orientation Agenda:

Introductions, including MG Level.

Market background: Why not Sat market?

Cap market: Mt Dept of Ag and General Services. Fees cover expenses. Open 2:30-6:30 on Tuesdays. Located on south side of the Capital.

Willing to share your contact info with each other?

Try to have 2 people at the booth, preferably mixed knowledge levels. If you can't attend, email us (Connie and Cathy) **and** the other volunteers to see if anyone can cover it, or trade dates with you. Keep us notified of the result. Bad weather – no need to go.

To pick up booth supplies: Contact us (Connie and Cathy) no later than Saturday before your Tuesday shift, to arrange to meet at the fairgrounds.

Watch your email a day or so prior to your “booth day” for your assigned spot at the market.

To return booth supplies: Contact us (Connie and Cathy) no later than Friday after your shift, to arrange to meet at the fairgrounds. Please keep track of any resources that need to be replenished (i.e. montguides, gardening resource handout, brochures, business cards, etc)

Bring: layers for weather, rain jacket, sun hat, sun screen, water.

What you say reflects on MSU Extension, the MG program, and the Association so be careful how you provide information. Be comfortable saying “I don’t know” , “You can...” “Possibly..” “It could be...” **vs** certainties or “You should...” Give options not answers, ASK more than answer. Don’t endorse or recommend a certain product name or business. Provide information primarily gleaned from your MG training or extension resources, and then only from your own experience (but identify it as such).

Review “Gardening Resources” handout

“Growing Zone” topic list

Review FAQs

Review instruction sheet (including review of equipment), and practice set and take down.

In fall we will have a “thank you” celebration, a chance to debrief, review booth questions for potential workshops.

Pass around the booth schedule to sign up, and the capital map. Try to have LEVEL 1 and LEVEL 3s together!

Opening market day is a big day: June 14th

National farmers market day is also a big day: August 9th (also a GCOMMGA tour day)