

2023 CMGA Membership Report

In 2023, the Coconino Master Gardener Association had 87 members. Due to issues with the volunteer hours reporting system, we dropped the Associate category, leaving us with four categories: Certified (members who completed at least 12 volunteer and 6 continuing education hours), Trainee (currently in the class or completed it and working on certification hours), Friend (someone who hasn't taken the class nor volunteers but supports the CMGA), and Honorary (people who haven't taken the class but do an extraordinary amount of volunteer work for CMGA). Currently, CMGA has 68 Certified members, 5 Trainees, 11 Friends, and 3 Honorary members.

Memberships are for the calendar year, from January through December. Volunteer and continuing education hours used to determine membership status are based on the prior calendar year. Being a member provides wonderful opportunities for socializing with great people, terrific meetings full of fun and current information about gardening in the high mountains of the Flagstaff area, sponsored activities like the Vegetable Garden Tour and the Plant Sale, and helping the community through volunteering; also, membership dues go towards community gardening scholarships. And who doesn't love the extra perks of a 10% discount at Warner's (on everything except sale items and bulk products) and a 10% discount at Viola's on trees, shrubs, and gallon perennials. Membership easily pays for itself!

Thanks to all who have done such a great job keeping CMGA alive and flourishing in our county!