



Volunteer Recognition Luncheon  
November 6, 2016

# Mission

*“To further the horticultural educational activities of MSU Extension and provide horticultural knowledge and experience to members, enabling them to share this knowledge with others through gardening projects, educational programs and activities.”*

Tag Line **“Connecting a Community of  
Gardeners Through Learning”**

# State of the Association

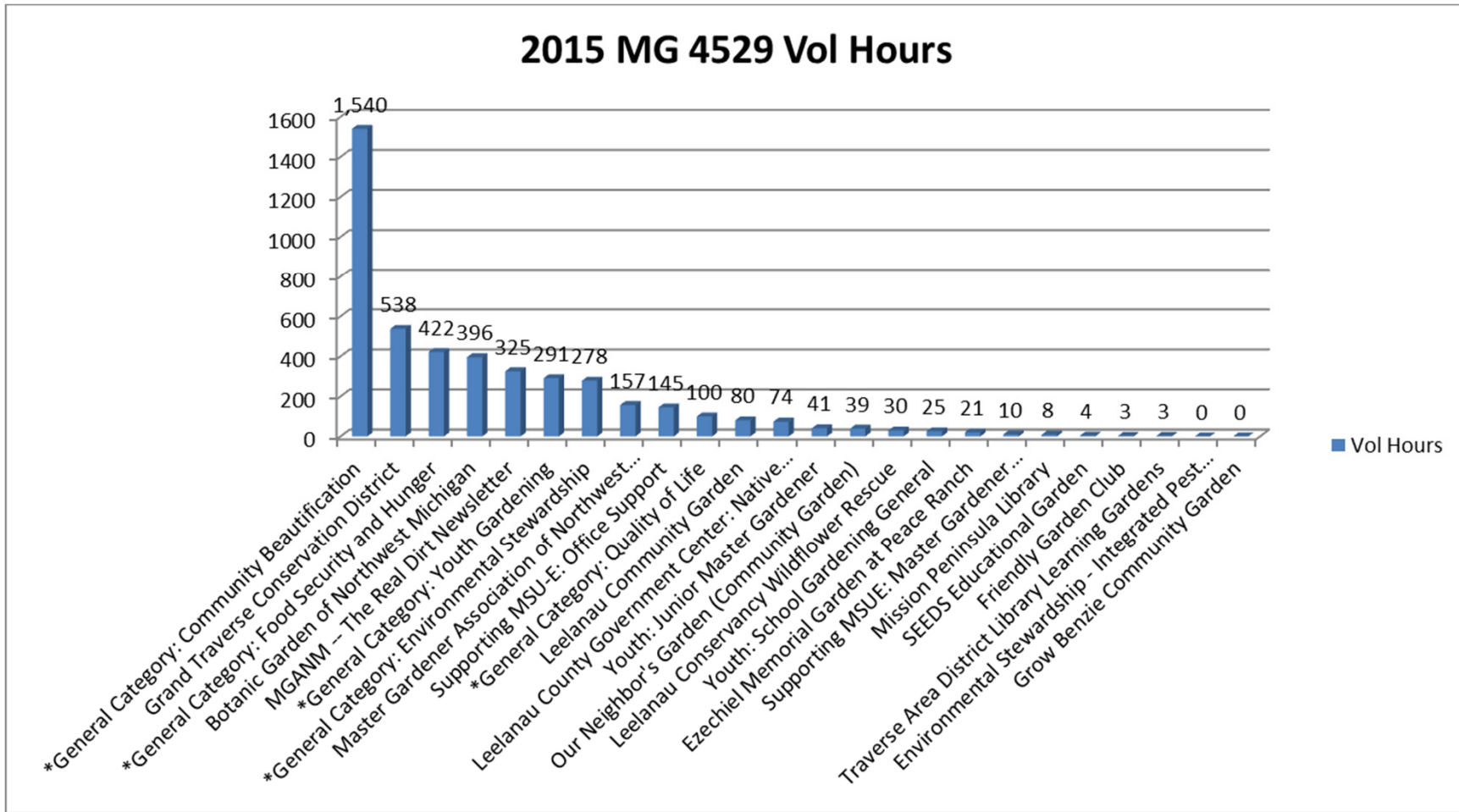
- **Membership** - 54 Members!
- **Financials**
  - Approximately \$3000 in bank
- **Connections**
  - Facebook 435 Likes
  - The Real Dirt 288 subscribers
- **Partnership MOU's**
  - Grand Traverse Conservation District
    - Provides meeting space; 80 hrs vol requirement
  - Botanic Garden Society
    - Acts as fiduciary and Volunteer insurance

*Please share MG Facebook page and The Real Dirt with your friends!*

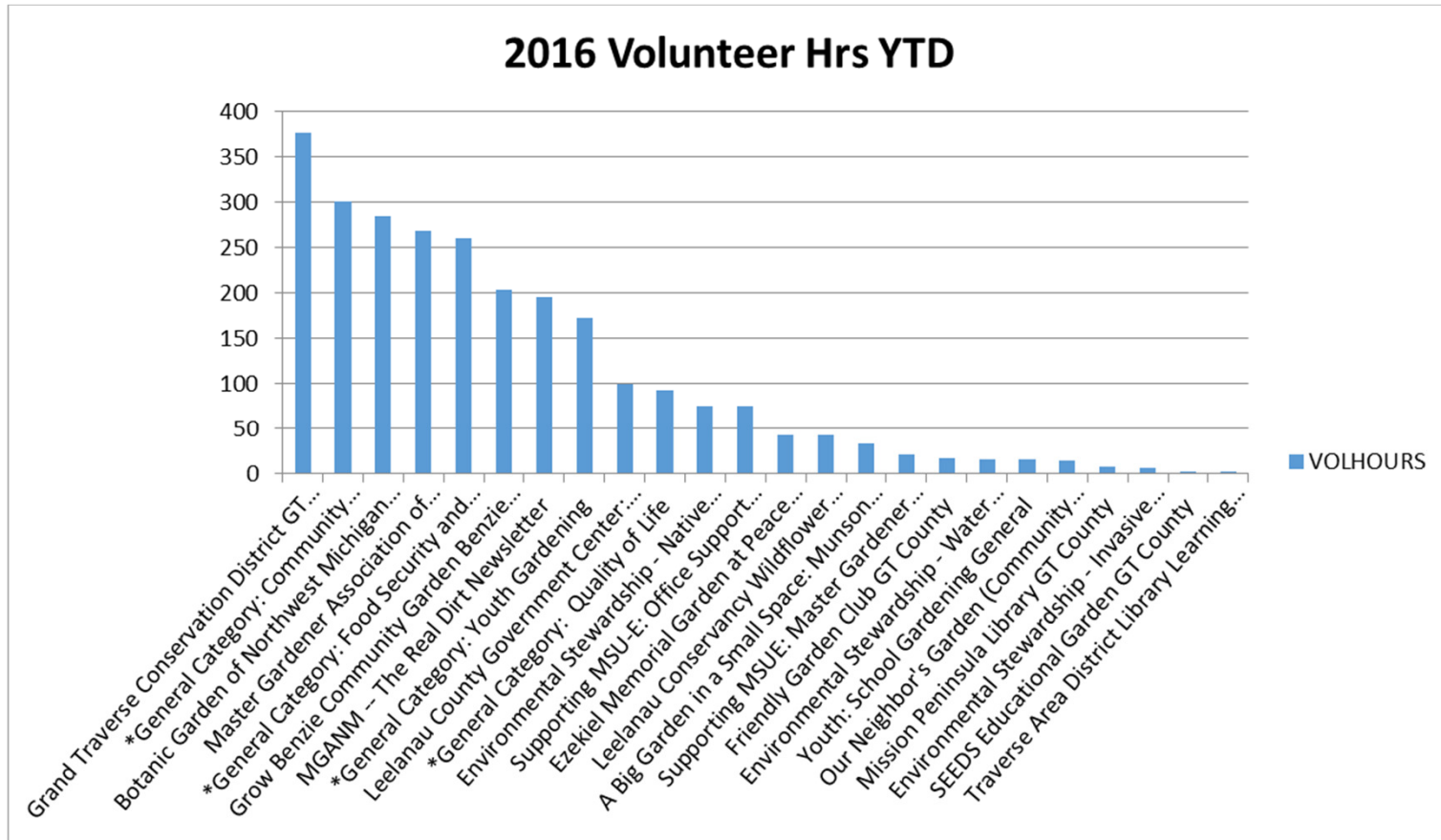
# Association Highlights for 2016

- **Revised Bylaws**
- **Grew our membership (44 → 54 members)**
- **Improved communications and connections**
  - Increased Facebook Likes
  - Held 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party
  - Joint events with BGS in 2017
- **Voted to affiliate with Michigan Master Gardener Association 67% responding YES**

# EMG's volunteered **4529 hrs** in 2015



# EMG's so far **2635** hrs in 2016



# 2017 *Tentative* Programming

- February** Smart Gardening by Michelle F
- March** What's New in 2017 by Proven Winner
- April** Wild Harvesting Edibles
- May** MG Project Spotlight
- June** *Field Trip* to Breeze Hill Nursery,  
Succulent Workshop
- July** Field Trip - Tour Light of Day Tea Farm
- August** Smart Plants for Pollinators
- October** Plants Deer Don't Eat

# Election of Officers

## Proposed Slate

President – 2 year term	Michele Worden
Vice President – 1 year term	Cheryl Gross
Treasurer – 1 year term	Glynis Waycaster
Secretary – 2 year term	Judy Reich