



From: Karen Kalergis, AAGC President  
 To: ZBGC Board Chair Leah Romero; Executive Director Holly Hawk  
 RE: FY 2024 AAGC Volunteer Hours Report – 4Q – July, August, September

**Volunteer services from 150 members of 20** AAGC Garden Clubs and our Executive Committee contributed to educational programming, horticulture, and shows and sales in Zilker Botanical Garden this quarter. With these reports, Fiscal Year 2024 ends with **HORT Hours** of 1,663.75, an increase over 1,440.25 in FY 2023. **Shows and sales** are higher with FY 2024 2,258 hours compared to 1,467.25 in FY 2023. **Education and Publicity** hours are lower with 2,182.75 in FY 2024 and 2,638.5 in FY 2023. The overall number of volunteers is up with 812 in FY 2024 compared to 738 in FY 2023.

**AAGC Volunteer Service FY 2024**

Period Covered	ZBG Horticulture and Maintenance	ZBG Event	ZBGC Education, Docents	AAGC Education and Publicity	AAGC Shows and Sales	# of Volunteers By Quarter
1Q – Oct to Dec 2023	359.25	69.50	2	341.50	90	178
2Q – Jan to Mar 2024	609.25	38	39	653.50	1277	287
3Q – April to June 2024	439	54	0	660.75	707	197
4Q – July to Sept 2024	256.25	4	0	527	184	150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,663.75</b>	<b>165.50</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2,182.75</b>	<b>2,258</b>	<b>812</b>

**ZBG Horticulture and Maintenance** – this category shows the efforts of club members volunteering in a garden their club has adopted or in other areas in ZBG where volunteers are needed. July-September tends to be quiet with many clubs in recess and garden activity primarily watering rather than new planting. Five clubs contributed 89.75 hours of volunteer service: **Austin Herb Society** ( 52.75), **Austin Pond Society** (7), **Iris Society of Austin** (4), **Texas Bamboo Society** (16), **Violet Crown Garden Club** (10), **Austin Bonsai Society** (78), **Austin Organic Gardeners** (34), and **Tejas Garden Stars** (54.5).

**ZBG Event** – This quarter’s events included Woodland Faerie Trail which continued through the summer. **Austin Cactus and Succulent Society** and **Austin Herb Society** participated in this project.

**AAGC Education and Publicity** tracks hours on programs offered as part of a club monthly meeting or a seminar or workshop held at the Garden, and includes time spent on publicity to bring visitors to the Garden. 480 hours donated this quarter came from **Austin Butterfly Forum** (12), **Austin Herb Society** (98), and **First Austin African Violet Society** (20), (**Heart of Texas Orchid Society** (41), Texas Bamboo Society (10), with increases from last quarter for **Austin Area Begonia Society** (84), **The Garden Club of Austin** (44), **Violet Crown Garden Club** (20), **Zilker Garden Club** (63), **Austin Organic Gardeners** (22), **Tejas Garden Stars** (11) and **Yaupon Garden Club** (14).

**AAGC Shows and Sales** are events which may result in a 15% net profit payment to support improvements in the Garden. **First Austin African Violet Society** and **The Garden Club of Austin** had events this quarter.