



# 2020-2021 Mentorship Program Report

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The Mentorship Program has received 15 requests to date. Of these, six active pairings have been made, seven have been closed by committee referrals to other available educational resources, and two are awaiting available mentors.

The seven closed requests were most often dealing with home gardens and local growing conditions. Local extension offices and Master Gardener groups are usually better prepared to meet these needs.

Of the active pairings, three are on large peony planting projects and two are on hybridizing.

Recently, a pairing was created with the Ward-Meade Botanical Garden in Topeka, KS to collect and display all available Myron Bigger peonies in a single collection.

The Mentorship Program is in need of additional mentors in the areas of hybridizing, disease and weed management, and ground preparation. Volunteers need not be expert in a field to lead others along their quest for information, merely offer guidance to sources of information.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Active Pairings 6
- Open Requests: 2
- Requests closed by Committee referral to other available resources: 7