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Education

B.S., Horticulture Science, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1994
M.S., Horticulture, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1999

Work Experience

1995-1996 Program Support Technician, Office of Environmental Horticulture, Virginia Tech

Primary responsibilities included:

- production of monthly Extension horticulture newsletter
- supervising shipments and inventory of People-Plant Council materials
- managing People-Plant Council records
- preparation of advanced Master Gardener handbooks and resource information pertinent to environmental quality
- publishing people-plant and other consumer horticulture information on the World Wide Web
- and providing technical support for use of IBM and MacIntosh computers.

1996-present Research Associate, Office of Environmental Horticulture, Virginia Tech

Primary responsibilities include:

- coordinating the Virginia Master Gardener program, transitioning the program from an agent-managed to a local coordinator-managed program
- editing and publishing a quarterly leadership development newsletter
- supervising the shipment and inventory of 1200 Master Gardener training manuals annually, as well as five other horticulture handbooks
- coordinating the revision and implementation of state Master Gardener program policies by Extension Agents, MG coordinators, and Extension staff
- preparation of Publication #426-699, Guide to Educational Programming, for Virginia Master Gardeners
- supervising student employees in the completion of advanced Master Gardener training handbooks
- coordinating quarterly meeting with volunteer advisory team and implementing problem-solving outcomes of the meeting
- coordinating the creation of a state-wide, computer networked record keeping system for Master Gardeners and local coordinators

- coordinating annually a five-day weekend event for advanced training of Master Gardeners, including speakers, lodging, entertainment, and volunteer recognition
- serving as the Extension representative at bimonthly meetings of the Virginia Master Gardener Association, the state volunteer association
- revising and expanding the Virginia Master Gardener Program Management Guidelines for local Master Gardener Coordinators

Professional Associations

American Community Gardening Association, member 1997-99
 Virginia Urban Forestry Council, member 1996-99
 American Society for Horticultural Science, member 1997-99
 Southern Region-American Society for Horticultural Science, member 1995-98
 Pi Alpha Xi, Floriculture Honor Society, lifetime member 1993

Publications

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Day, S.D. and S.T. Dorn (eds). 1996. *Advanced Master Gardener — Tree Steward Handbook*. Department of Horticulture, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg VA 24061. P.D. Relf, Project Advisor.

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Dorn, S.T. and Relf, P.D. (eds). 1998. VCE Master Gardener Coordinator Manual. Virginia Cooperative Extension, Blacksburg VA 24061.

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Dorn, S., P.D. Relf, and A. McDaniel. 1999. Assessing the VCE Master Gardener Coordinator Manual: A Volunteer Management Reference. HortTechnology (in press).

Dorn, S., P.D. Relf, and A. McDaniel. 1999. Shifting Management Practices of VCE Master Gardener Local Program Coordinators. HortTechnology (in press).

Newsletters

Editor, Virginia Master Gardener Leadership Development Newsletter, July 1996 to present

Editorial Assistant, The Virginia Gardener Newsletter, July 1994-April 1995; Assistant Editor, The Virginia Gardener Newsletter, May 1995 - October 1995

Thompson, S.L. 1994. Vining around town. The Virginia Gardener 13(8):1

Thompson, S.L. 1994. Wild garden gems. The Virginia Gardener 13(9):1-2

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- Dorn, S.T. 1996. Picking the Right Crabapple for Your Landscape. *The Virginia Gardener* 15(5):1
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