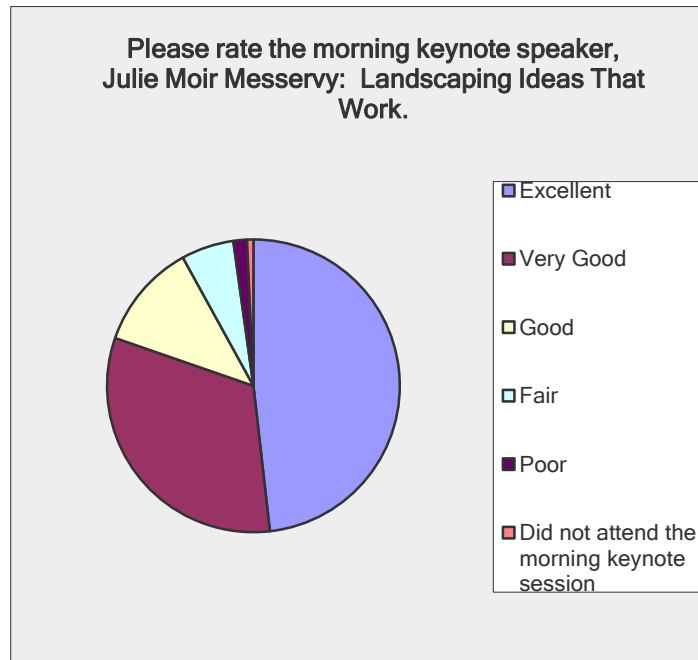


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Please rate the morning keynote speaker, Julie Moir Messervy: Landscaping Ideas That Work.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	48.2%	66
Very Good	32.1%	44
Good	11.7%	16
Fair	5.8%	8
Poor	1.5%	2
Did not attend the morning keynote session	0.7%	1
Comments, please!		62
<i>answered question</i>		137
<i>skipped question</i>		0



Number	Response Date	Comments, please!	Categories
1	Mar 26, 2017 10:54 PM	Her slides of pictures were difficult to see clearly	
2	Mar 26, 2017 7:59 PM	Lots of eye candy to provide inspiration despite the fact that so many of her slides were from other climates.	
3	Mar 25, 2017 9:40 PM	she is a great speaker-genuine and very knowledgeable! She REALLY made me think out of the box!	
4	Mar 25, 2017 8:18 PM	I'm not into fancy/elegant/"luxury" landscaping, really. Nice to look at ...	
5	Mar 25, 2017 3:34 AM	Many of her photos were of designs that would not necessarily work in this area.	
6	Mar 24, 2017 10:09 PM	Lots of good energy and information. Nice to have slides of pictures, not WORDS	
7	Mar 24, 2017 9:44 PM	couldn't see what she looked like in the gloom, but otherwise, great!	
8	Mar 24, 2017 9:38 PM	good overview, provided helpful resources,	
9	Mar 24, 2017 11:32 AM	Her presentation made me want to go home and redesign my whole property!	
10	Mar 24, 2017 12:37 AM	Very energetic, professional and inspiring!	
11	Mar 23, 2017 6:18 PM	Great slides and enthusiastic. Not a lot of practical knowledge but then a keynote speaker doesn't necessarily go into the details more inspirational instead.	
12	Mar 23, 2017 4:10 PM	Her presentation was clear, concise, used humor & was helpful	
13	Mar 23, 2017 12:13 PM	Engaging speaker but too much focus on areas other than New England.	
14	Mar 22, 2017 11:38 PM	Loved her!!	
15	Mar 22, 2017 8:57 PM	Great energy to start the day! Fun and informative.	
16	Mar 22, 2017 7:31 PM	Have heard her many times and always enjoy her	
17	Mar 22, 2017 3:52 PM	Attendees were mainly hands-on gardeners. There was little about plant usage in either the slides or the talk.	
18	Mar 22, 2017 3:47 PM	Loved her pace, humor and gorgeous slides.	
19	Mar 22, 2017 3:06 PM	Very engaging	
20	Mar 22, 2017 1:59 PM	Maybe fewer slides and more discussion about design principles behind each one?	

21	Mar 22, 2017 1:11 PM	Same old stuff I've seen too many times
22	Mar 22, 2017 11:49 AM	Many of the ideas wouldn't work in our climate, so weren't as useful to me as I hoped from someone from Vermont.
23	Mar 22, 2017 11:13 AM	Fantastic friendly energy and obviously loves her work.
24	Mar 22, 2017 1:53 AM	It was ok though some of it felt like a sales pitch. Also, my guess is most people in the audience couldn't afford to create, let alone hire someone to create such gardens. I would've like seeing gardens that everyday people could manage.
25	Mar 22, 2017 1:26 AM	I've long been a fan of Julie's. It was a thrill to hear her. Great delivery, great ideas---very worthwhile.
26	Mar 22, 2017 1:18 AM	Not particularly relevant, unrealistic concepts for ordinary gardeners
27	Mar 22, 2017 1:04 AM	Great speaker-very animated
28	Mar 22, 2017 12:45 AM	This really was a promotional talk about her new book. Wish she had explained more ab out the process of creating the designs.
29	Mar 22, 2017 12:43 AM	Speaker's focus seemed to be showcasing her own work (mostly) rather than give useful information to gardeners
30	Mar 22, 2017 12:18 AM	very engaging, lovely gardens and design ideas
31	Mar 22, 2017 12:15 AM	Very little useful direction....disappointing. Poor slides.
32	Mar 21, 2017 11:23 PM	Would have enjoyed more New England projects rather than California etc.
33	Mar 21, 2017 11:07 PM	dynamic speaker
34	Mar 21, 2017 10:46 PM	I like that she re-purposes materials when possible. I also like that sheshowed all kinds of gardens, not just huge fancy ones.
35	Mar 21, 2017 10:18 PM	Who can afford what she does? Maybe in Fairfield County. Need a landscape design we can relate to in rural CT. I found her Really self-promoting. In comparison w/ Nancy DaBrule
36	Mar 21, 2017 9:40 PM	WHO gives a hoot about stewardship, Moir was a disaster. Such positive energy! A reservoir of ideas!
37	Mar 21, 2017 9:07 PM	My only complaint would be that she showed us many wonderful landscapes that DID work, but did not always fully explain WHY they worked.

38	Mar 21, 2017 9:04 PM	A lot of beautiful spaces, but few with inexpensive materials for those of us on a modest budget.
39	Mar 21, 2017 8:41 PM	loved her enthusiasm
40	Mar 21, 2017 8:11 PM	several tropical properties!!
41	Mar 21, 2017 7:56 PM	I would have liked to have more slides of northeast gardens though.
42	Mar 21, 2017 7:53 PM	good start for the day
43	Mar 21, 2017 6:50 PM	Julie was well spoken on a topic of interest to many. She had wonderful style and terrific slides. Very broad topic with mix of expensive and inexpensive projects. Could have used more small-scale projects to suit audience. Handled reasonably well. Don't agree w/business plug in this forum; left session at that point. Speaker could have moved around the front if room to improve interaction with audience instead of standing in one place and aiming laser pointer at the screen. Most of the photos came directly out of her most recent book, which dissuaded me from purchasing it.
44	Mar 21, 2017 6:33 PM	
45	Mar 21, 2017 6:27 PM	Well prepared and her delivery was excellent.Nancy
46	Mar 21, 2017 6:24 PM	Great speaker. Nice program. Enjoyable presentation, include some lower cost ideas next time?
47	Mar 21, 2017 6:02 PM	
48	Mar 21, 2017 5:45 PM	Totally enjoyable! Loved it.
49	Mar 21, 2017 5:36 PM	Nice if we all had the kind of money that would support the landscapes she featured, including her own, which are just as pricey as most of her client's are, it would appear.
50	Mar 21, 2017 5:36 PM	Unusually good She was a bit glib and did not have lots of content, but I respect her effort to design the App to help Gardeners design garden spaces. She did not staylong so I did not get to purchase her books. She also arrived late, so no time to purchase before her talk.
51	Mar 21, 2017 5:28 PM	
52	Mar 21, 2017 5:26 PM	Especially liked the diversity of images/examples and her sharing the online app
53	Mar 21, 2017 5:25 PM	Though the slides were interesting, I'm not sure I got the "ideas that work" part.

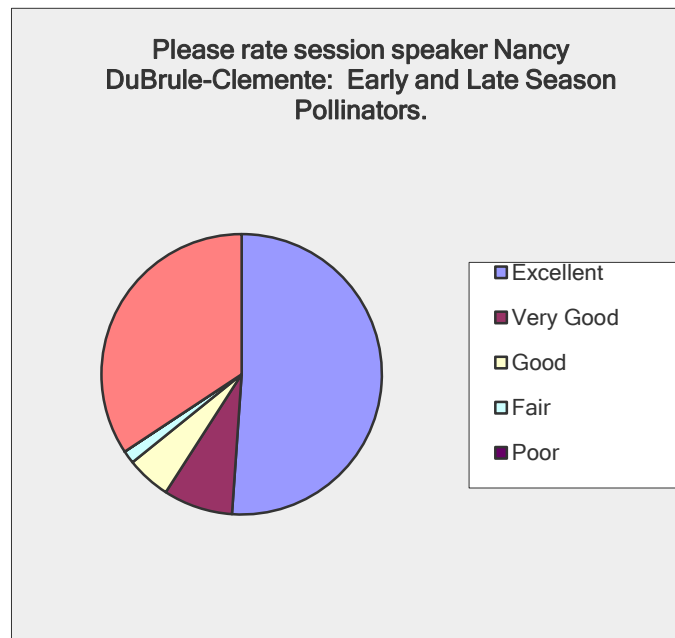
54	Mar 21, 2017 5:18 PM	dynamic and motivational. Very knowledgeable. Held my interest the entire time
55	Mar 21, 2017 5:02 PM	Beautiful photographs, but impractical for most properties.
56	Mar 21, 2017 5:01 PM	very dynamic speaker....great talk
57	Mar 21, 2017 5:00 PM	Too fancy for what I could accomplish. A little more on smaller affordable projects she has done but
58	Mar 21, 2017 4:53 PM	liked the do it yourself at end.
59	Mar 21, 2017 4:41 PM	Excellent speaker - very personable! Great slides!
60	Mar 21, 2017 3:54 PM	very dynamic I took a page worth of notes. She was great. Funny, dynamic.
61	Mar 21, 2017 3:46 PM	Worth it!
62	Mar 13, 2017 6:50 PM	thrilling!

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Please rate session speaker Nancy DuBrule-Clemente: Early and Late Season Pollinators.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	51.1%	70
Very Good	8.0%	11
Good	5.1%	7
Fair	1.5%	2
Poor	0.0%	0
Did not attend this session.	34.3%	47
Comments, please!		49
<i>answered question</i>		137
<i>skipped question</i>		0



Number	Response Date	Comments, please!	Categories
1	Mar 25, 2017 9:40 PM	Wow! Talk about enthusiasm, I want what she has in her coffee-kidding aside, I learned so much about the importance of early and late pollinators and am going to start planting them and recommending them to others.	
2	Mar 25, 2017 8:18 PM	Tons of info with a great hand-out, as always Knowledgeable, clear, and opinionated with a sense of humor.	
3	Mar 25, 2017 3:34 AM	Interesting commentary with specific plant recommendations.	
4	Mar 24, 2017 9:44 PM	I never fail to learn something.	
5	Mar 24, 2017 11:32 AM	Great info, very entertaining and valuable session	
6	Mar 23, 2017 11:42 PM	So much good information, very practical	
7	Mar 23, 2017 6:18 PM	Contagious enthusiasm...great subject and good speaker. I liked that she provided a list of the plants that followed along with the slides.	
8	Mar 23, 2017 4:10 PM	Usually Nancy's been a bit 'over the top' but not in this presentation. I will use her helpful information to extend my garden seasons.	
9	Mar 22, 2017 11:38 PM	Funny!!	
10	Mar 22, 2017 8:57 PM	I'll go to any talk that Nancy gives.	
11	Mar 22, 2017 7:31 PM	lots of enthusiasm	
12	Mar 22, 2017 3:52 PM	Rather boring delivery	
13	Mar 22, 2017 3:06 PM	Always energetic and stimulating speaker	
14	Mar 22, 2017 1:59 PM	Always one of the best speakers.	
15	Mar 22, 2017 1:11 PM	Nancy is never anything except excellent	
16	Mar 22, 2017 1:26 AM	I've heard Nancy a few times. Often I think she's too rushed. This talk was great---very organized and offered very helpful information	
17	Mar 22, 2017 1:18 AM	She never disappoints I always learn a lot	
18	Mar 22, 2017 1:11 AM	Too much information to process.	
19	Mar 22, 2017 1:04 AM	Nancy is always great!!	
20	Mar 22, 2017 12:45 AM	Always fabulous, energetic and makes you want to get out and start planting all those plants that attract pollinators.	
21	Mar 22, 2017 12:23 AM	Always informative & a pleasure to listen to.	
22	Mar 22, 2017 12:18 AM	always learn more from Nancy, and love her style	
23	Mar 21, 2017 11:23 PM	Always fascinating and on point for us down to earth gardeners! I always learn something.	
24	Mar 21, 2017 11:08 PM	A great talk about the seasons we give little thought to.	

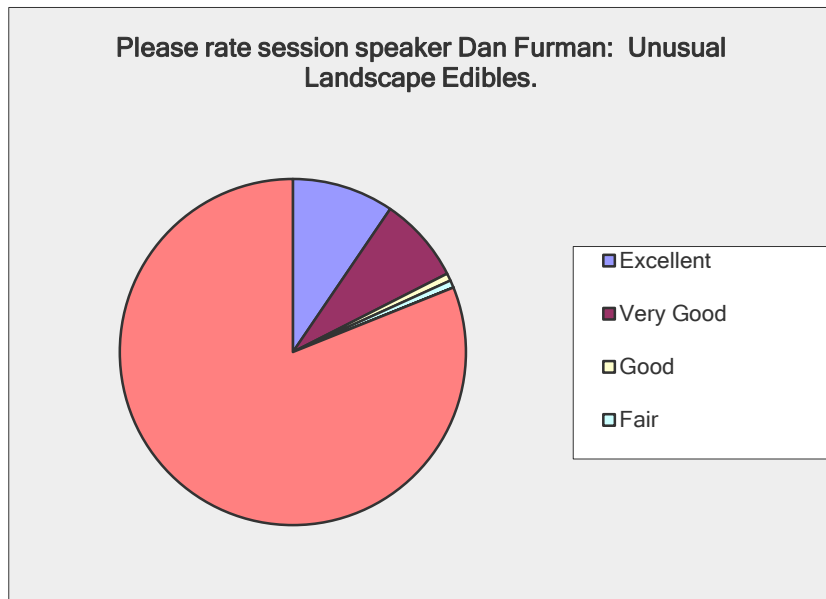
25	Mar 21, 2017 10:46 PM	Excellent as always, very knowledgeable. I appreciate her organic approach too, along with her respect for the cycles of nature.
26	Mar 21, 2017 10:18 PM	Originally I did not want to attend another DuBrule lecture, but as usual I learned so much I was breathless.
27	Mar 21, 2017 9:07 PM	Was just a slide show of her yard and business proving that the plants mentioned really did bloom when she said. The hand out alone would have covered 80% of her speech.
28	Mar 21, 2017 9:07 PM	should do two sessions and thus get more info in!
29	Mar 21, 2017 8:11 PM	great delivery
30	Mar 21, 2017 7:56 PM	She is always great!!!
31	Mar 21, 2017 7:53 PM	liked her suggestions--she was a little too long
32	Mar 21, 2017 7:09 PM	Always thrilling to hear Nancy. Good topic.
33	Mar 21, 2017 6:59 PM	She always has fresh ideas that can be applied to the garden
34	Mar 21, 2017 6:50 PM	Nancy is always a crowd-pleaser; talking on current topic relevant to Master Gardeners and other gardeners alike; providing useful information we can immediately use in our practices. Great Handiout
35	Mar 21, 2017 6:33 PM	Very dynamic. True expert in field. Able to connect directly with audience in an interactive style. Timely topic! Grateful for no obvious business plugs during session, as it came up very naturally.
36	Mar 21, 2017 6:27 PM	Nancy, is the best! I choose her every time she is offered and I have never been disappointed. She is so knowledgeable .The begining
37	Mar 21, 2017 6:24 PM	Nice presentation. Lots of things to think about.
38	Mar 21, 2017 6:15 PM	I think the session should have provided information on what the best choices for early and late season pollinators that work best. i as well as others attending this segment felt greater benefit would have been achieved if you could walk away with what to concentrate on.
39	Mar 21, 2017 5:45 PM	I had not heard her before, but she was as good as her reputation. I love Nancy's enthusiasm and forthright sense of humor. I get concerned when she recommends non-native plants for pollinators without the caveat that not all plants provide the same essential resources for native insects.
40	Mar 21, 2017 5:26 PM	Spoke with clarity and humor, gives information you can readily use.
41	Mar 21, 2017 5:25 PM	Loved it.

42	Mar 21, 2017 5:02 PM	It would be easier to follow along and take notes if the presentation slides were aligned with the handout.
43	Mar 21, 2017 5:01 PM	Nancy is always full of great ideas
44	Mar 21, 2017 4:53 PM	Nancy is always a wealth of knowledge!
45	Mar 21, 2017 4:41 PM	Very passionate speaker - a wealth of knowledge! Hand out needs a little help.
46	Mar 21, 2017 4:11 PM	Like that she suggested plants by month (Feb bloomers, March bloomers, etc)
47	Mar 21, 2017 3:56 PM	Nancy never fails to please
48	Mar 21, 2017 3:46 PM	Again, took copious notes. She was hilarious and hugely informative.
49	Mar 13, 2017 6:50 PM	inspiring!

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Please rate session speaker Dan Furman: Unusual Landscape Edibles.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	9.5%	13
Very Good	8.0%	11
Good	0.7%	1
Fair	0.7%	1
Poor	0.0%	0
Did not attend this session.	81.0%	111
Comments, please!		8
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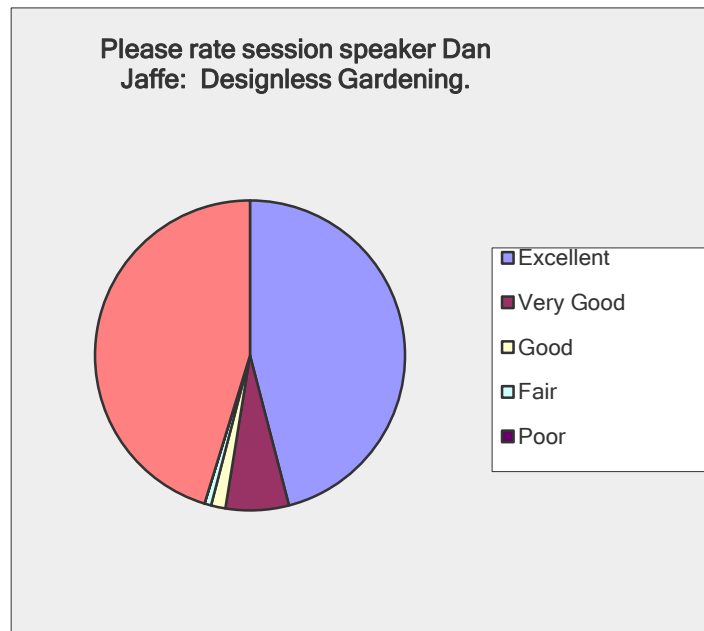


3_	Response Date	Comments, please!	Categories
1	Mar 26, 2017 10:54 PM	Gave a good range of plants and trees and history tool	
2	Mar 25, 2017 8:18 PM	Gave some good intro information in an area I want to learn more about. Practical.	
3	Mar 24, 2017 10:09 PM	Dan is engaging and knowledgeable	
4	Mar 22, 2017 11:49 AM	would have liked to...	
5	Mar 22, 2017 1:26 AM	Better than I expected. He was really knowledgable and offered good insights.	
6	Mar 21, 2017 9:04 PM	Not my wheelhouse.	
7	Mar 21, 2017 5:28 PM	Not many plants offered, which was a disappointment. I expected a bit more.	
8	Mar 13, 2017 6:50 PM	amazing!	

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Please rate session speaker Dan Jaffe: Designless Gardening.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	46.0%	63
Very Good	6.6%	9
Good	1.5%	2
Fair	0.7%	1
Poor	0.0%	0
Did not attend this session.	45.3%	62
Comments, please!		48
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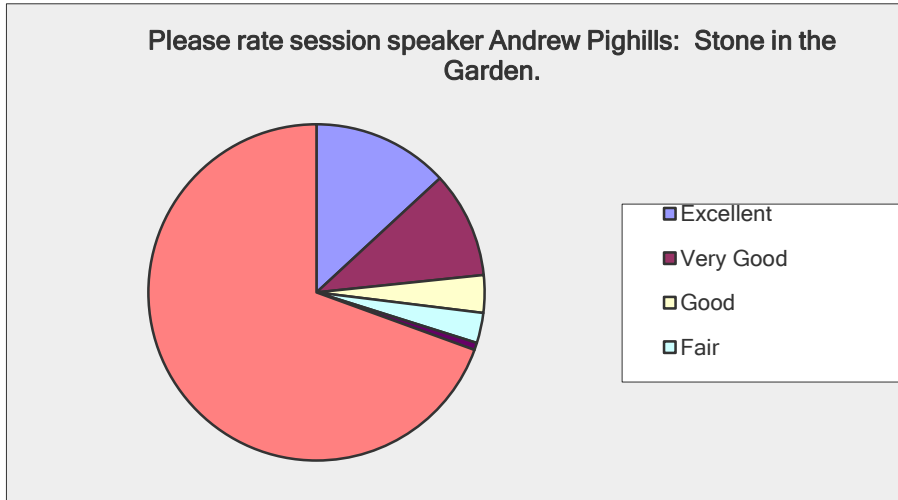
Number	Response Date	Comments, please!	Categories
1	Mar 26, 2017 9:56 PM	he is obviously very excited about what he does, and the excitement was transferable	
2	Mar 25, 2017 3:34 AM	Knowledgeable, practical. Easy to follow.	
3	Mar 24, 2017 10:09 PM	Dan knows his stuff. Very good information for native gardening knowledgeable and a very good speaker, humorous, but always making a point that you want to remember	
4	Mar 24, 2017 9:38 PM	He spoke very fast, making some of his info hard to hear/understand.	
5	Mar 24, 2017 11:32 AM	Very good, information, practical.	
6	Mar 23, 2017 11:42 PM		
7	Mar 23, 2017 6:18 PM	Very knowledgeable. Loved his perspective on gardening and passion for native plants. Encouraged questions and shared his contact info for follow up.	
8	Mar 23, 2017 4:10 PM	Great easy speaker from NEWFS. Provided information I plan to use.	
9	Mar 23, 2017 12:13 PM	Very engaging speaker and focused on relevant info for New England	
10	Mar 23, 2017 12:13 AM	enthusiastic Very informative - Dan knows his stuff and clearly keeps abreast of the latest research	
11	Mar 22, 2017 9:14 PM	Best presentation of the day, appreciated his humor	
12	Mar 22, 2017 3:52 PM	Great sense of humor, so knowledgeable, awesome flower list he shared which matched slides.	
13	Mar 22, 2017 3:47 PM	Very knowledgeable	
14	Mar 22, 2017 3:06 PM	so much covered, good handout, time a bit short for all he had to offer	
15	Mar 22, 2017 1:26 PM	He had a wonderful presentation, however since I saw him at the CT Hort meeting on the Thursday before the symposium and a lot of the presentation was repeated	
16	Mar 22, 2017 11:49 AM	Inspiring young man, so knowledgeable and interesting at his age already!	
17	Mar 22, 2017 11:13 AM	Aplus	
18	Mar 22, 2017 1:53 AM	He was engaging, informative AND provided excellent examples and advice.	
19	Mar 22, 2017 1:18 AM	Good content, enormously knowledgeable	
20	Mar 22, 2017 1:11 AM	Amazing, so informative such good ideas.	
21	Mar 22, 2017 12:43 AM	So knowledgeable yet down to earth.	
22	Mar 22, 2017 12:23 AM	Very knowledgeable & helpful.	
23	Mar 22, 2017 12:15 AM	Very, very thoughtful and helpful	
24	Mar 21, 2017 10:46 PM	I like his naturalistic, laid-back approach.	
25	Mar 21, 2017 9:49 PM	He really opened my eyes.	

26	Mar 21, 2017 9:40 PM	Demonstrated understanding of the plants and landscape design principles
27	Mar 21, 2017 9:07 PM	Dan is VERY knowledgeable. I would recommend this talk to anyone.
28	Mar 21, 2017 9:07 PM	he could easily have done multiple sessions on the subject I will use a lot from this session, including the use of more grasses in spaces I
29	Mar 21, 2017 9:04 PM	normally mulch.
30	Mar 21, 2017 8:41 PM	Wish I had more shade!
31	Mar 21, 2017 7:02 PM	Passionate and very knowledgable
32	Mar 21, 2017 6:59 PM	Enthusiastic and instructive presentation Dan is another speaker with relevance to Master Gardeners and others interested in our environment. Great suggestions, plant ideas and other information. He even mentioned Garden in the Woods as upcoming CMGA
33	Mar 21, 2017 6:50 PM	bus destination! Very informative - left you feeling very inspired to make changes in the garden
34	Mar 21, 2017 6:15 PM	with many valuable ideas.
35	Mar 21, 2017 6:02 PM	great presentation and charming speaker, great slides A tremendous amount of information, delivered somewhat too rapidly and too
36	Mar 21, 2017 5:45 PM	enthusiastically, but giving lots to learn! But I've heard Dan a number of times and he is a delight, as well as provides
37	Mar 21, 2017 5:26 PM	lots of useful information Great information in an easy to understand presentation. Questions he didn't
38	Mar 21, 2017 5:25 PM	have time to answer he suggested emailing him. Inspiring presentation, just like last year. I have personally put into practice
39	Mar 21, 2017 5:02 PM	many of his gardening recommendations.
40	Mar 21, 2017 5:01 PM	I'm all about Dan's approach to gardening!
41	Mar 21, 2017 5:00 PM	Great speaker! lots of good ideas. Really made sense & im going to be doing a lot of planting in areas of mulch
42	Mar 21, 2017 4:53 PM	this spring & summer & fall!
43	Mar 21, 2017 4:41 PM	Terrific speaker - very knowledgeable! Could listen to for hours! Like his philosophy of mimicking nature and using natives. His slides like so
44	Mar 21, 2017 4:11 PM	good that I am planning a visit to 'Garden in the Woods'.
45	Mar 21, 2017 3:56 PM	Over the top! Invite him back please.
46	Mar 21, 2017 3:54 PM	The practical suggestions for plants and his handout were superb I could have sat through another several hours with Dan and still wanted more
47	Mar 21, 2017 3:46 PM	information. Great speaker.
48	Mar 13, 2017 6:50 PM	what a cutie!

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Please rate session speaker Andrew Pighills: Stone in the Garden.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	13.1%	18
Very Good	10.2%	14
Good	3.6%	5
Fair	2.9%	4
Poor	0.7%	1
Did not attend this session.	69.3%	95
Comments, please!		22
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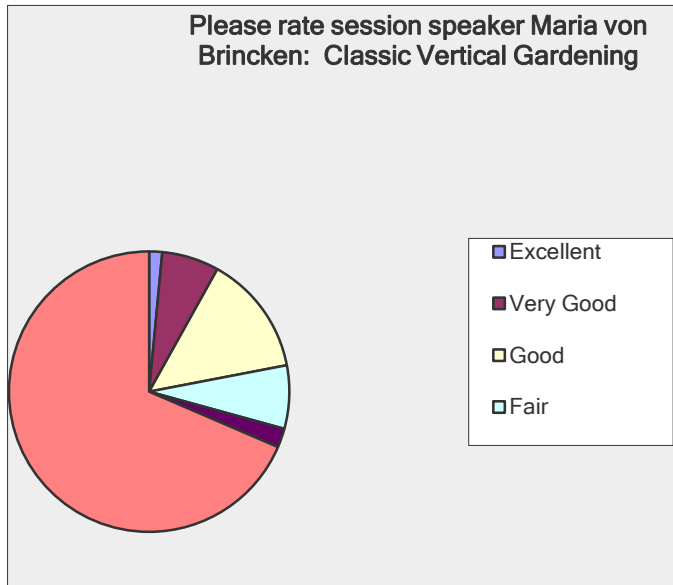


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1	Mar 26, 2017 9:56 PM	I liked his presentation and was awed by some stone design. I know he was a last -minute replacement, but I was hoping for some more realistic do-it-yourself ideas	
2	Mar 24, 2017 9:38 PM	entertaining and yet full of information probably best appreciated by people like me that know little about wall building; visuals were great and supported the talk	
3	Mar 24, 2017 12:37 AM	Read verbatim from his paper. Wasn't interactive with the group although he did give time for Q and A bit by then I wasn't listening anymore. Room was also very dark and warm so it didn't help to have him sit behind a desk with a small lamp in order to read to us.	
4	Mar 23, 2017 12:13 PM	Very interesting and enjoyed because I have lots of boulders.	
5	Mar 23, 2017 12:13 AM	a foreign flair with a good sense of humor, unusual topics	
6	Mar 22, 2017 9:35 PM	Despite the fact that he remained seated and read his lecture, he was very engaging and his photos were beautiful. I was disappointed because there was little content about actually building a stone wall.	
7	Mar 22, 2017 7:31 PM	wonderful pictures	
8	Mar 22, 2017 1:11 PM	So many great ideas, humor and humility. He is an Artist	
9	Mar 22, 2017 11:49 AM	The pictures were great. Not used to someone reading their presentation (including jokes). Not sure if it was because he wasn't the original presenter, but it was a tad offputting	
10	Mar 22, 2017 11:13 AM	Beautiful work.	
11	Mar 22, 2017 12:18 AM	even though his talk was read, he was most engaging and informative.	
12	Mar 22, 2017 12:15 AM	Beautiful stone work of great variety	
13	Mar 21, 2017 11:11 PM	very well prepared....witty and insightful	
14	Mar 21, 2017 11:07 PM	Good contents - read the whole presentation from notes	
15	Mar 21, 2017 9:40 PM	interesting, unusual topic	
16	Mar 21, 2017 8:41 PM	Funny guy...an inspiring collection of photos	
17	Mar 21, 2017 6:42 PM	Have heard him speak in the past. Guess I need a pizza oven!	
18	Mar 21, 2017 5:28 PM	I have not heard the originally scheduled speaker, but cannot believe she would have been better than this talk!	
19	Mar 21, 2017 5:26 PM	Very structured, canned talk. Good but left no time for questions.	
20	Mar 21, 2017 5:18 PM	Love the topic and his credentials. Excellent visuals.	
21	Mar 21, 2017 3:54 PM	I know he was a last minute fill in. He is extremely knowledgeable but I would have preferred that he not read from a script. I was super interested in the topic but some spontaneity would have gone a long way.	
22	Mar 13, 2017 6:50 PM	Such beautiful pictures and a good sense of humor.	
		gathered no moss???	

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Please rate session speaker Maria von Brincken: Classic Vertical Gardening

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	1.5%	2
Very Good	6.6%	9
Good	13.9%	19
Fair	7.3%	10
Poor	2.2%	3
Did not attend this session	68.6%	94
Comments, please!		24
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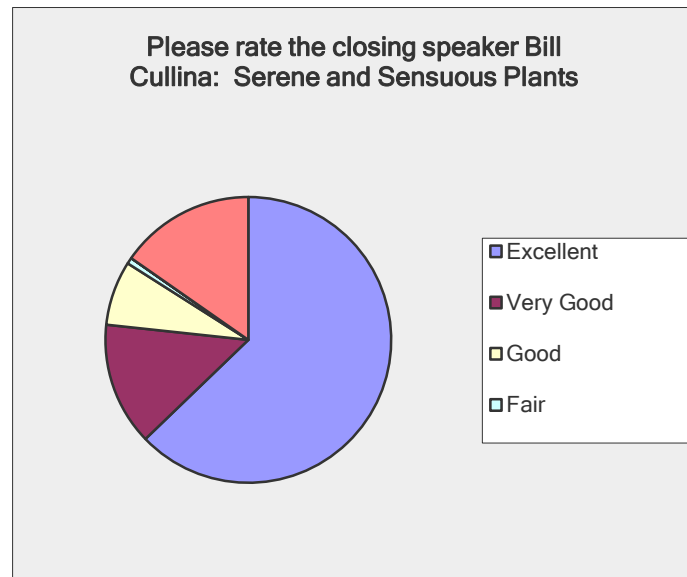


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1	Mar 26, 2017 10:54 PM	would have liked more of "this plant is best in this area or for this use"	
2	Mar 26, 2017 7:59 PM	Slides were not good quality and content was not particularly interesting or original or useful.	
3	Mar 25, 2017 9:40 PM	Lovely photographs and designs but not a lot of new ideas. Her talk drifted, slide show seemed antiquated and many images not really applicable to the average gardener. She was not a scintillating speaker, tough to stay awake and tuned in to her.	
4	Mar 24, 2017 9:02 PM	Somewhat negative and condescending	
5	Mar 24, 2017 12:37 AM	I walked away with some ideas but her presentation was slow.	
6	Mar 22, 2017 9:35 PM	She seemed very unfocused; her slides were poor and, unfortunately, I learned very little.	
7	Mar 22, 2017 3:47 PM	Overall okay but pace was a bit slow and information/slides were meh.	
8	Mar 22, 2017 1:26 PM	general information, cultural information not emphasized, lots of looking at photos	
9	Mar 22, 2017 1:53 AM	Did not enjoy this session. Speaker was not engaging nor animated, there is no excuse for poor quality slides (blurry), and some of the examples of vertical gardening were poor.	
10	Mar 22, 2017 1:04 AM	Too many old pictures and paintings	
11	Mar 22, 2017 12:45 AM	Nice to have a program just about vines and their uses. They are often overlooked in garden design talks.	
12	Mar 21, 2017 10:18 PM	Highly repetitious and antiquated. I had a great nap.	
13	Mar 21, 2017 8:26 PM	Some of the plants she suggested are invasives in CT.	
14	Mar 21, 2017 7:58 PM	Talk needed more substance and more energy.	
15	Mar 21, 2017 7:56 PM	Nothing special, same old stuff.	
16	Mar 21, 2017 7:02 PM	Didn't seem well prepared as she could pronounce some plants and didn't recognize a painting from a local museum, Griswold, that she used in her PowerPoint. Low key and relaxed delivery was nice. Interesting to see how heritage landscapes influence current trends. Good mix of styles and types of installations. If session were longer, suggest a how-to for locating and building a vertical garden, maybe with a handout diagram? Handout was useful to keep focus and as a good takeaway.	
17	Mar 21, 2017 6:33 PM	It got off to a slow start, but improved as she went along. I would have liked to get more ideas for achieving a vertical garden	
18	Mar 21, 2017 6:27 PM	Ran out of time. Rushed through the part about actual plants. Would have liked more time spent on that.	
19	Mar 21, 2017 6:24 PM	info not too current, slides of modest quality.	
20	Mar 21, 2017 6:02 PM	Her cadence was a bit muted compared to the other speakers I heard.	
21	Mar 21, 2017 5:23 PM	The speaker knows her stuff but didn't get to the plants until the end and then was running out of time. I wanted more about plant selection and care and less about the structures to attach them to. Perhaps I misunderstood the objectives. Her photos were just ok in comparison to the other speakers. Seemed a bit outdated.	
22	Mar 21, 2017 5:18 PM	Wanted more unusual vines to grow	
23	Mar 21, 2017 5:00 PM	stellar!	
24	Mar 13, 2017 6:50 PM		

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Please rate the closing speaker Bill Cullina: Serene and Sensuous Plants

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	62.8%	86
Very Good	13.9%	19
Good	7.3%	10
Fair	0.7%	1
Poor	0.0%	0
Did not attend this session	15.3%	21
Comments, please!		66
<i>answered question</i>		137
<i>skipped question</i>		0



Number	Response Date	Comments, please!	Categories
1	Mar 26, 2017 7:59 PM	Just right combination of inspiration and how to.	
2	Mar 25, 2017 9:40 PM	His humor was just what we needed after a long but great day. I wish I could grow more ferns and mosses but my yard is too sunny!	
3	Mar 25, 2017 8:18 PM	Entertaining speaker ... probably not info that I will be using, though. Enjoyed his sense of humor and reasoning behind his plant	
4	Mar 25, 2017 3:34 AM	recommendations.	
5	Mar 24, 2017 10:09 PM	Good humor to finish the day up. Made grass and moss fun.	
6	Mar 24, 2017 9:44 PM	handout with suggestions would have been nice	
7	Mar 24, 2017 9:38 PM	very informative, great powerpoint, entertaining	
8	Mar 24, 2017 12:37 AM	Although I enjoyed his speaking style and good humor, I felt there could have been ferns slides and still get the message across.	
9	Mar 23, 2017 11:42 PM	Enjoyable, good information	
10	Mar 23, 2017 6:18 PM	Sense of humor. Liked the subject but a little too much focus on ferns for me.	
11	Mar 23, 2017 4:10 PM	He's inspirational, a great speaker with helpful information on natives, what to use, how & where to plant	
12	Mar 23, 2017 12:13 PM	Engaging speaker and helpful info	
13	Mar 22, 2017 9:14 PM	He is one of my favorite authors and I thought his presentation was outstanding! Both entertaining and informative!	
14	Mar 22, 2017 7:31 PM	fiarl heard him. Been on my list for years. Have followed his career	
15	Mar 22, 2017 3:52 PM	Good, but the content did not interest me.	
16	Mar 22, 2017 3:47 PM	Excellent speaker- inspiring and funny!	
17	Mar 22, 2017 3:06 PM	Great speaker - enegetic and engaging	
18	Mar 22, 2017 2:01 PM	His humor helped	
19	Mar 22, 2017 1:59 PM	Always an excellent speaker, both informative and entertaining. Learned quite a bit about a not quite so frequently addressed topic.	
20	Mar 22, 2017 1:26 PM	knowledge, humor, great slides, cultural information, increased my interest & desire to obtain plants	
21	Mar 22, 2017 1:11 PM	Bill is always interesting and has lots of great information	
22	Mar 22, 2017 11:49 AM	The BEST! Very informative and entertaining. I got lots of great ideas that I can incorporate in my yard, Beautiful photos	
23	Mar 22, 2017 1:26 AM	Beyond excellent. Fabulous delivery, SO funny, great audiovisuals and valuable information.	
24	Mar 22, 2017 1:18 AM	Not my particular gardening interest but fun and good presentation	
25	Mar 22, 2017 1:11 AM	Informative and funny. Nice combo.	
26	Mar 22, 2017 1:04 AM	Good sense of humor-very good	

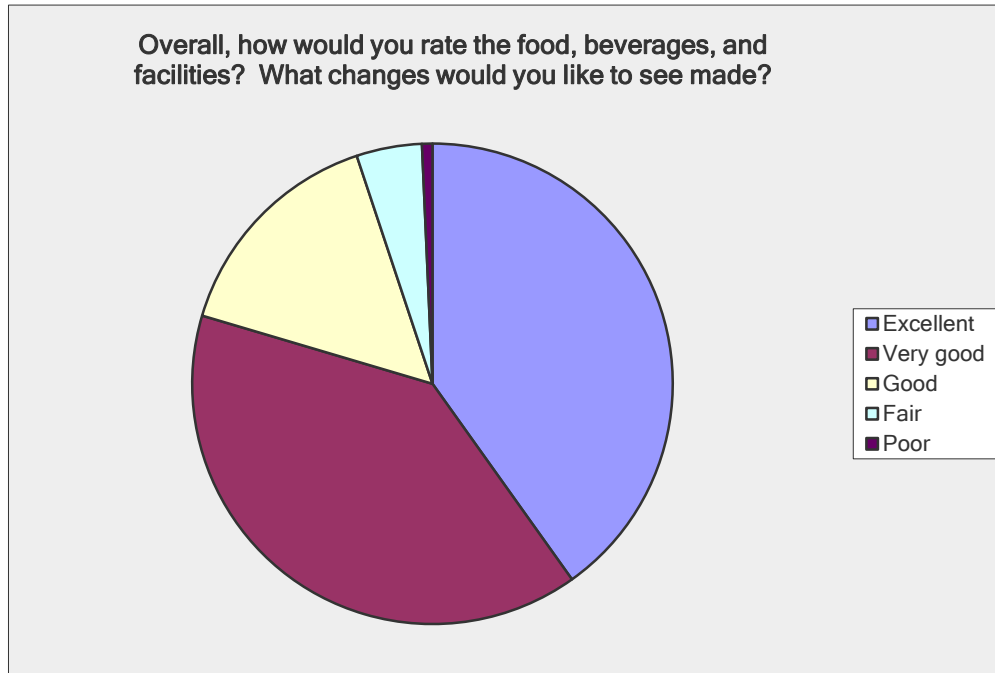
27	Mar 22, 2017 12:45 AM	He's the BEST! Incredibly knowledgeable and always has a great sense of humor.
28	Mar 22, 2017 12:23 AM	A good speaker- very engaging.
29	Mar 22, 2017 12:18 AM	nice to have some detail on growing and siting ferns and grasses. Could have used more serene and sensuous
30	Mar 21, 2017 11:23 PM	Engaging speaker and quality of visual presentation was very good
31	Mar 21, 2017 10:46 PM	Knowlegable and so funny! It was refreshing to have a speaker focus on green as opposed to colorful gardens only.
32	Mar 21, 2017 10:22 PM	tired that time of day, more slides?
33	Mar 21, 2017 10:18 PM	That was the topic? His humor always keeps me awake.
34	Mar 21, 2017 9:07 PM	I've already planned my fern garden! I also want to use grasses much more.
35	Mar 21, 2017 8:41 PM	I can never get enough of hearing him speak
36	Mar 21, 2017 8:11 PM	bring him back on native plants
37	Mar 21, 2017 7:58 PM	An excellent speaker even at 3PM after a long day of listening to talks!
38	Mar 21, 2017 7:56 PM	Fabulous and his slides were magnificent
39	Mar 21, 2017 7:53 PM	the talk about ferns was a bit long
40	Mar 21, 2017 7:09 PM	Inspired me to plant some of these lovelies!
41	Mar 21, 2017 7:02 PM	Informative and funny. Good choice for the end.
42	Mar 21, 2017 6:59 PM	Refreshing ideas, instructional observations
43	Mar 21, 2017 6:50 PM	Interesting array of plants to share; photos, great stories, things many of us may not have been aware of or thought of. A few I will try.
44	Mar 21, 2017 6:42 PM	Weren't we lucky it was also his mother's birthday weekend? He is such a treat to hear- great photos as well.
45	Mar 21, 2017 6:27 PM	He kept the enthusiasm of the day going with his lively and very informative presentation
46	Mar 21, 2017 6:24 PM	Great talk. Insightful and fun. Other ways of thing.
47	Mar 21, 2017 6:15 PM	Great speaker - kept the audience engaged, and he too left you inspired.
48	Mar 21, 2017 6:02 PM	Am interested in his topics, very good presentation.
49	Mar 21, 2017 5:45 PM	Always a joy to hear him. His knowledge, his delivery style, and his photos make for a wonderful session at any conference. Thanks for having him again.
50	Mar 21, 2017 5:36 PM	Wonderful speaker and wonderful visuals. Someone who really "gets" how to use powerpoint.
51	Mar 21, 2017 5:36 PM	Great talk

52	Mar 21, 2017 5:28 PM	He was entertaining but talk had little content.
53	Mar 21, 2017 5:26 PM	Great visuals, good sense of humor, practical information
54	Mar 21, 2017 5:25 PM	Held your interest to the end, great slides with so ideas you can really use. I was surprised at how interesting this topic was at the end of the day. Photos great, his knowledge infinite! Loved this and will definitely include grasses more into my gardens and appreciate the natural ferns and mosses I already have in abundance.
55	Mar 21, 2017 5:18 PM	
56	Mar 21, 2017 5:02 PM	Excellent introduction to many plants that I was not familiar with.
57	Mar 21, 2017 5:02 PM	maybe a gluten free option, salad was a little wimpy
58	Mar 21, 2017 5:01 PM	great wrap up!
59	Mar 21, 2017 5:00 PM	Have been to the garden and it is great. Was a perfect choice for the closing of a long day - engaging & funny& incredibly knowledgeable!
60	Mar 21, 2017 4:53 PM	Wow! I can't wait to go to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens! Fabulous speaker! Funny and very knowledgeable! Great way to end a wonderful day!
61	Mar 21, 2017 4:41 PM	I also like green - shows you don't always need the color of flowers to be beautiful.
62	Mar 21, 2017 4:11 PM	
63	Mar 21, 2017 3:56 PM	Better than ever!
64	Mar 21, 2017 3:54 PM	Wonderful resource
65	Mar 21, 2017 3:47 PM	Unfortunately, I could not stay . The 21/2 hour down time got to me.
66	Mar 13, 2017 6:50 PM	life changing!

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Overall, how would you rate the food, beverages, and facilities? What changes would you like to see made?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	40.1%	55
Very good	39.4%	54
Good	15.3%	21
Fair	4.4%	6
Poor	0.7%	1
What changes do you suggest we make for next year regarding food, beverages, facilities?		78
	<i>answered question</i>	137
	<i>skipped question</i>	0



Number	Response Date	What changes do you suggest we make for next year regarding food, beverages, facilities?	Categories
1	Mar 26, 2017 10:54 PM	delicious every year! Would appreciate any efforts you can make to find a more central location or move the location each year to different "quadrants" of the state. It was a 12+ hour door to door day again this year. Please investigate Naugatuck Valley Community College. Their curriculum includes a number of horticultural areas. Realize there are certain requirements and restrictions with different venues but would like to "share the load" in terms of travel more	
2	Mar 26, 2017 9:59 PM	equally with other participants. love the bottles for refill instead of bottled water. would like fruit option for AM. Great lunch but	
3	Mar 26, 2017 8:49 PM	ran out of food too soon.	
4	Mar 25, 2017 9:40 PM	The college is a great facility for our program. Lunch was a bit difficult to negotiate and find a spot to land to eat but everyone helped each other.	
5	Mar 25, 2017 8:18 PM	something gluten free? I did make a lettuce wrap with hummus, so that would be a good/easy option.	
6	Mar 25, 2017 3:34 AM	Terrific effort and organization to provide food and beverages. Thanks. A revised plan to reduce chaos of retrieving a lunch would help. Good quality food provided.	
7	Mar 24, 2017 10:09 PM	I hate wraps. Don't eat salad - most foos poisoning is passed through raw greens. Didn't eat the cookies - too much sugar for the next session (sleepytime). I love ConnCollege!	
8	Mar 24, 2017 9:38 PM	liked the water bottles, appreciated the availability of hot beverages throughout the day;	
9	Mar 24, 2017 9:02 PM	Food = fair, wraps are nasty - too much leathery noshy bread, Beverage = great you had water refill tanks, You ran out of ginger ale, bummer, Facilities = just fine	
10	Mar 24, 2017 12:37 AM	Food was adequate. There was no regular coffee ready during registration which seemed to be peak time. The vendor aisle was very crowded and tight. I would appreciate a location closer to the center of CT.	
11	Mar 23, 2017 4:10 PM	PLEASE add fresh fruit for breakfast!!! There were only carbs available :-(
12	Mar 23, 2017 12:13 PM	Morning food too carb heavy; suggest fruit and yogurt	
13	Mar 23, 2017 12:13 AM	rotate the sites around the state	
14	Mar 23, 2017 12:02 AM	Place the vendors single down the hall. On both sides is very congested.	
15	Mar 22, 2017 11:50 PM	crowded - larger facility? better signage for directions, parking Excellent food and beverages. The venue is too small; the auditorium seats were too close together. Food was OK, but the	
16	Mar 22, 2017 9:35 PM	lunch lines were crowded and chaotic.	
17	Mar 22, 2017 9:32 PM	Don't like moving around and would have liked to have heard Nancy D-C,too. Maybe fewer breakout sessions?	
18	Mar 22, 2017 9:14 PM	I believe issues with the food lines have already been identified. That was the only problem	
19	Mar 22, 2017 7:31 PM	Terrible breakfast. Need fruit, yogurt Just bagels?????	

20	Mar 22, 2017 3:47 PM	Set up food tables differently.
21	Mar 22, 2017 1:59 PM	Light was much better this year. The hallway with the vendors is extremely congested, and it made it difficult to visit them.
22	Mar 22, 2017 1:26 PM	peanut butter for bagels again please, great to have humus for protein for the vegetarians/vegans
23	Mar 22, 2017 1:11 PM	Too many chairs too close together. I often felt like I was sitting on someones lap. food and beverage was OK Water bottles provided don't fit in the MG bag water bottle slot
24	Mar 22, 2017 11:49 AM	and were leaky
25	Mar 22, 2017 11:37 AM	Not enough sandwich wraps
26	Mar 22, 2017 11:13 AM	You did a superb job.
27	Mar 22, 2017 1:53 AM	More vegetarian selections; cookies are fine but would have preferred something healthier for treats.
28	Mar 22, 2017 1:26 AM	Really no complaints. I like to Conn College venue a lot with its easy-to-get-to location and ample meeting spaces.
29	Mar 22, 2017 1:18 AM	Some gluten free wraps
30	Mar 22, 2017 1:11 AM	Very pleasant. Lunch food was great.
31	Mar 22, 2017 1:09 AM	Wonderful choices. The drinks were in an odd place.
32	Mar 22, 2017 1:04 AM	All was good
33	Mar 22, 2017 12:45 AM	Food at lunch was very good but need to find a better way to organize the lines. Loved the water stations.
34	Mar 22, 2017 12:18 AM	please ask facility to label recycling bins with what exactly goes in which. Same problem at the other symposium at ConCol in January. Great that they do this, but if we mess it up, what good is it?
35	Mar 21, 2017 11:23 PM	The food is good. Auditorium at MCC better for large group
36	Mar 21, 2017 11:16 PM	The rooms were way too warm..I asked several times for the temp to be lowered but to no avail..At lunch,I waited for the lines to thin out,by the time i got to the fod tables there were no sandwiches left..That was disappointing
37	Mar 21, 2017 11:11 PM	Very tight quarters - perhaps consider lunch boxes in the future
38	Mar 21, 2017 11:08 PM	Not enough room for the vendors.
39	Mar 21, 2017 11:07 PM	I'd love to return to Conn College- great set-up; food ok but not great
40	Mar 21, 2017 10:40 PM	Glad to have more room this year.
41	Mar 21, 2017 10:30 PM	yogurt at breakfast
42	Mar 21, 2017 10:18 PM	Half the auditorium was not enough room for the lines and tables. Some directions are needed to find the other eating areas. Also no one ever knows what the Cro's Nest refers to or where it is. Stale, tasteless bagles for breakfast and lukewarm coffee were not a treat. What happened to the great orange juice. In contrast, lunch was so delicious. The water bottles were a great idea. Hope it saves some money.
43	Mar 21, 2017 9:07 PM	Facitliy was fine. I would only suggest that maybe the lunch buffet be set up at both ends of the auditorium. Line was BAD.

44	Mar 21, 2017 9:07 PM	"Breakfast" being coffee and a bagel? a variety would have been better, lunch was good I'd prefer a more central location, but am aware others would like it to be closer to their
45	Mar 21, 2017 9:04 PM	homes. Really liked the idea of not using disposable plastic water bottl
46	Mar 21, 2017 8:55 PM	I found the rooms to be hot and stuffy
47	Mar 21, 2017 8:41 PM	Great facility - a long drive
48	Mar 21, 2017 8:14 PM	difficult to access tables.
49	Mar 21, 2017 8:05 PM	Had to leave. Did not eat. But, I had to answer the question.
50	Mar 21, 2017 7:56 PM	No changes, thank you for a lovely, inspiring day.
51	Mar 21, 2017 7:53 PM	food & beverage good--facility is fair-we were crowded Well organized. Maybe different flow for meal. Seemed to get backed up when large session
52	Mar 21, 2017 7:09 PM	let out.
53	Mar 21, 2017 7:02 PM	Nice selection for lunch but too crowded. Same with vendors. Perhaps the food tables could be set up on two different sides of the room to spread out the
54	Mar 21, 2017 6:59 PM	crowd. Overall, the location, facilities and food is excellent. Great layout for registration, a.m. refreshments, free water bottle with refilling station (thank you). Lunch was a bit chaotic; bottleneck at first table; almost no sandwiches when I came through towards end. Need different layout for lunch buffet. Nice to have apples. After all the
55	Mar 21, 2017 6:50 PM	water, I would prefer another flavored beverage besides soda with lunch (juice, iced tea).
56	Mar 21, 2017 6:42 PM	Love this location. More effective queuing at the lunch door and routing to one of the 3 tables. More no sugar
57	Mar 21, 2017 6:33 PM	drinks. I liked the MCC better asa venue, for several reasons, e.g. Location, auditorium and dining area. I know it is difficult to try to meet every need and think the committee does a wonderful
58	Mar 21, 2017 6:27 PM	job.
59	Mar 21, 2017 6:24 PM	Ran out of food. This happened the last time I attended too.
60	Mar 21, 2017 6:15 PM	Perhaps fruit in the a.m. time, yogurt, etc. Lunch was terrific.
61	Mar 21, 2017 6:02 PM	Good work!
62	Mar 21, 2017 5:45 PM	Hope you keep the same venue and the excellent overall arrangements. Lunch OK, but the plastic forks were next to useless in eating salad. Coffee was tepid in morning although it improved as day went on. Bagels and cream cheese only? Facilities very
63	Mar 21, 2017 5:36 PM	good. Nice not to have to stand in line for bathrooms.
64	Mar 21, 2017 5:36 PM	More coffee in am and somethings beside bagels lunch passable None. Very good and I especially liked the idea of using recyclable water bottles. Will use
65	Mar 21, 2017 5:28 PM	mine for years to come. Much appreciated.
66	Mar 21, 2017 5:26 PM	Have clear access to recycling containers for drink bottles
67	Mar 21, 2017 5:25 PM	Less soda....maybe an unsweetened tea?
68	Mar 21, 2017 5:23 PM	Facilities were very good the food was good and adequate for the conference size.

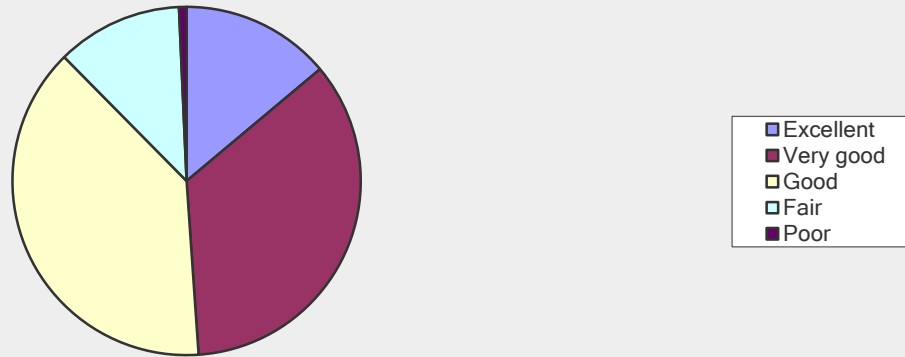
69	Mar 21, 2017 5:18 PM	I had a great lunch. My friend was at the rear of the line and did not find food other than cookies, chips and salad
70	Mar 21, 2017 5:02 PM	Nearly perfect! The sound system in the auditorium and one of the classrooms could be better.
71	Mar 21, 2017 5:02 PM	very hot heat made me sleepy, need more vendors
72	Mar 21, 2017 5:01 PM	I'd keep everything at Conn. College-great venue
73	Mar 21, 2017 4:41 PM	I get the water bottle dilemma - & I appreciated getting the CMGA bottle - but I thought the water from the water stained tasted funny. The wraps were good - but the toothpicks were hidden in them - someone could have gotten hurt by them - the ladies around me were all upset with this. They should put upright straight through so one could see the toothpicks.
74	Mar 21, 2017 4:11 PM	Wraps, salad, and cookies were very good.
75	Mar 21, 2017 3:54 PM	The breakfast selection was too limited. Yogurt and whole fruit would have been nice. It's lots of people for the space. Lunch needs to be handled better. People were literally stepping on each other. Maybe food available in two other locations done up in a paper bag....no choice other than sandwiches.
76	Mar 21, 2017 3:47 PM	The coffee was AWFUL. But the food was excellent - loved the apples from Bishops!
77	Mar 21, 2017 3:45 PM	
78	Mar 13, 2017 6:50 PM	keep everything exactly the same

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Overall, how would you rate the vendor and silent auction offerings? What changes would you suggest?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	13.9%	19
Very good	35.0%	48
Good	38.7%	53
Fair	11.7%	16
Poor	0.7%	1
What changes do you suggest for next year?		66
	<i>answered question</i>	137
	<i>skipped question</i>	0

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1	Mar 26, 2017 10:54 PM	silent auction didn't have many interesting items for my taste	
2	Mar 26, 2017 9:59 PM	Many fewer silent auction items this year. Vendor area tight between sessions	
3	Mar 26, 2017 9:56 PM	silent auction: wish there was more, and maybe more vendors	
4	Mar 26, 2017 7:59 PM	Access to vendors was difficult because of narrowness of hallway. Could they go upstairs?	
5	Mar 25, 2017 9:40 PM	Perhaps spreading out the vendors more-we were crowded but all got along well.	
6	Mar 25, 2017 8:18 PM	did MGA make enough from the silent auction? That would be the measure :)	
7	Mar 24, 2017 10:09 PM	I did not participate in the auction or buy from the vendors. Too many seed sellers.	
8	Mar 24, 2017 9:44 PM	need more silent auction choices, -more space in vendor hall	
9	Mar 24, 2017 11:32 AM	The vendor area was small and cramped, blocked access to auditorium. Thought the vendors should be upstairs with the organizations. Also, there didn't seem to be as many vendors as usual. Space?...	
10	Mar 24, 2017 12:37 AM	Vender selections were limited but good. I would have liked to see a few more but I wasn't there to shop. However I did buy something. Nothing on the auction table interested me;	
11	Mar 23, 2017 4:10 PM	especially not the items that appeared used.	
12	Mar 23, 2017 12:13 PM	Add more plant material for purchase	
13	Mar 23, 2017 12:02 AM	Didn't really focus on additional vendors similar to Ballecks	
14	Mar 22, 2017 11:50 PM	more space for walking to see displays, items	
15	Mar 22, 2017 9:35 PM	The vendor and silent offerings were OK, but it was impossible to walk through the areas without bumping into someone. There was not enough space.	
16	Mar 22, 2017 8:57 PM	I bet there are more businesses that will donate items for the auction. I'd like to try to see what I get can get for next year's auction.	
17	Mar 22, 2017 3:47 PM	Don't know if possible but Improve flow. More and higher quality silent auction items.	
18	Mar 22, 2017 3:06 PM	No changes - you do an excellent job!! Thanks	
19	Mar 22, 2017 2:01 PM	If speakers concentrated on a few of their favorite items rather than many, I think that would be more beneficial. It would be good to have maybe 10 min for questions. The new idea of providing one non-disposable water bottle is great!	
20	Mar 22, 2017 1:59 PM	I would like to see more vendors, but I know that is difficult.	
21	Mar 22, 2017 1:11 PM	I always leave with some treasures.	

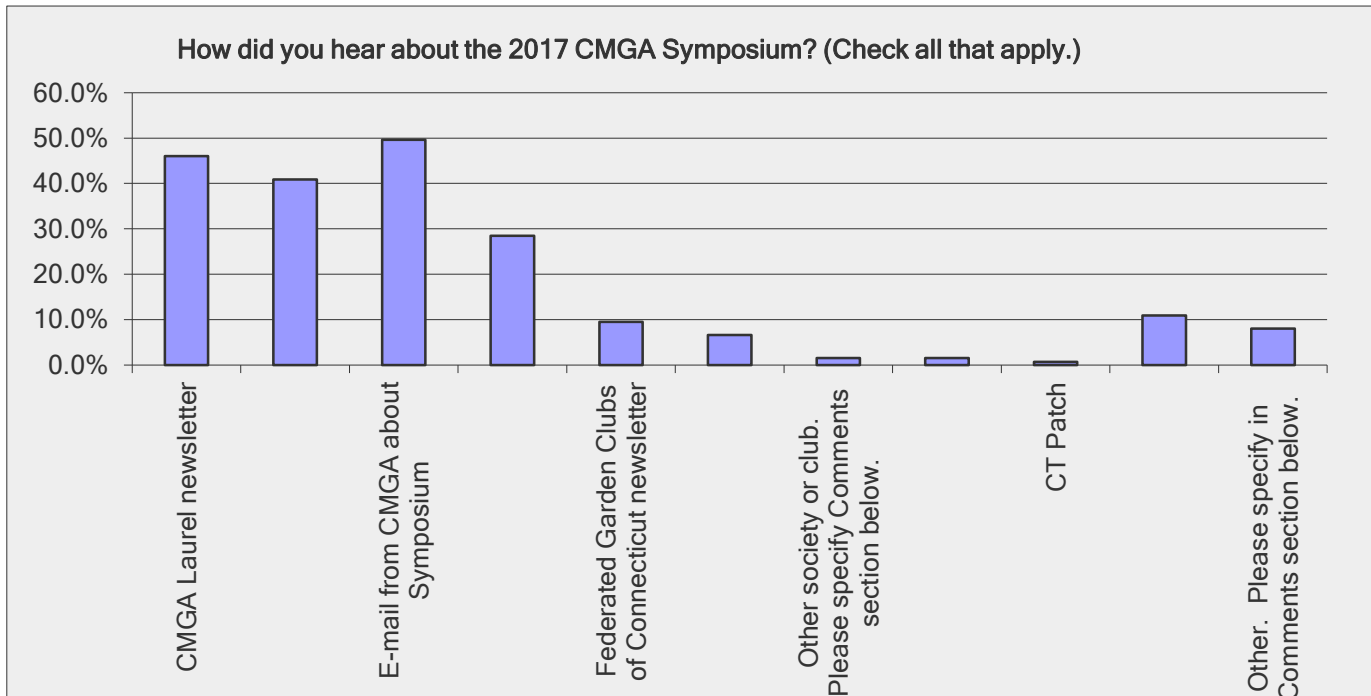
22	Mar 22, 2017 11:49 AM	They were OK. Auction items weren't anything I needed, didn't seem like there were as many vendors (I didn't spend any
23	Mar 22, 2017 11:37 AM	money), Info booths were good Slim pickings at silent auction
24	Mar 22, 2017 1:26 AM	Limited vendors; the same core that always come. I wasn't tempted by anything in the silent auction; looked like a tag sale.
25	Mar 22, 2017 1:11 AM	Nice selection of plants
26	Mar 22, 2017 1:09 AM	Possible more vendors and auction articles needed.
27	Mar 22, 2017 1:04 AM	Need more vendors
28	Mar 22, 2017 12:45 AM	Silent auction items were not as good as in past years.
29	Mar 22, 2017 12:23 AM	Didn't spend time at the auction.
30	Mar 22, 2017 12:18 AM	enjoyed vendors, but not acquiring Crowded area for vendors. Would have enjoyed more garden
31	Mar 21, 2017 11:23 PM	artists, potters, music
32	Mar 21, 2017 11:16 PM	Would have liked more nurseries with native plants
33	Mar 21, 2017 11:11 PM	Vendors ok - silent auction poor
34	Mar 21, 2017 11:08 PM	Vendor area and foot traffic in that area makes shopping very difficult. vendor hallway a little crowded- don't have vendors opposite
35	Mar 21, 2017 11:07 PM	each other
36	Mar 21, 2017 10:40 PM	Maybe more space for the vendors.
37	Mar 21, 2017 10:18 PM	No one donated any thing worth bidding for. Need more craftsie stuff.
38	Mar 21, 2017 9:40 PM	More!
39	Mar 21, 2017 9:07 PM	I can buy a small cactus anywhere. Not really my thing to shop for plants at the symposium.
40	Mar 21, 2017 9:07 PM	I did not have enough time to attend
41	Mar 21, 2017 9:04 PM	This is the first Symposium that I didn't find anything I wanted to spend money on. I don't buy shrubs because I don't know how long I have to hold
42	Mar 21, 2017 8:41 PM	them over - would love to
43	Mar 21, 2017 8:11 PM	have rep from local conservation district
44	Mar 21, 2017 7:53 PM	vendors were fine--silent auction offering, poor
45	Mar 21, 2017 7:15 PM	Vendors excellent. Silent auction not so great Vendors were good, silent auction a little thin. I won a raffle
46	Mar 21, 2017 7:09 PM	prize which made me very happy. Spread the vendors out. Too much shoving and crowds were a
47	Mar 21, 2017 7:02 PM	deterrent yo my shopping. Some of the best vendors available; thank you for including. Would like to see more silent auction offerings, but realize with snow/frozen ground plants/shrubs which are sometimes offered
48	Mar 21, 2017 6:50 PM	were not possible.
49	Mar 21, 2017 6:42 PM	Just a bit cozy in the vendor hallway with the large attendance. Could this be moved upstairs, with societies, etc, downstairs?

50	Mar 21, 2017 6:33 PM	More unique plants and antlers, garden tools and antique ornaments and fixtures. The vendors were very good. I didn't feel there was as much to bid on for the silent auction as other years. I think if some of the door prizes had been put on the auction table, the event
51	Mar 21, 2017 6:27 PM	would have been more profitable.Th
52	Mar 21, 2017 6:24 PM	Seems we have lost vendors. I seem to remember more. Vendors were excellent; silent auction was missing quite a lot
53	Mar 21, 2017 5:45 PM	this year. Silent Auction items kind of "meh". But I realize how hard and time consuming it is to round up such things. Vendors very good but I think it would have been better if they were located somewhere else, perhaps in back and side of Auditorium as
54	Mar 21, 2017 5:36 PM	they caused a really jam up in that hallway. Tools would be nice. Possibly members could contribute also. We did that at a silent auction for a school. It worked well. We included baskets with homemade jams from garden, plants, tea
55	Mar 21, 2017 5:28 PM	etc. in this case it could be tools or seed packets etc.
56	Mar 21, 2017 5:27 PM	did not get to it this year Possibly ask for silent auction donations, to expand items...gift cards to garden centers, memberships to various societies,
57	Mar 21, 2017 5:25 PM	etc.i
58	Mar 21, 2017 5:02 PM	poor silent auction items
59	Mar 21, 2017 5:01 PM	vendor-very good silent auction-fair Vender's were great. There hasn't been much variety in the
60	Mar 21, 2017 5:00 PM	silent auction offerings.
61	Mar 21, 2017 4:41 PM	Very well done - seemed like less though... spread out the vendors or wider aisle- it was very difficult to
62	Mar 21, 2017 3:48 PM	move through The silent auction items weren't great. Did not bid on any.
63	Mar 21, 2017 3:46 PM	Loved the vendors. Wish there were more. Vendor offerings were excellent; silent auctions not so much. Don't want to bid on used stuff. Maybe vendors could be
64	Mar 21, 2017 3:45 PM	required to donate one item for auction as part of their "fee." always looking for great garden additions:forms, tuteurs, bird
65	Mar 21, 2017 3:45 PM	houses and plants.....
66	Mar 13, 2017 6:50 PM	everything is perfect just the way it is

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How did you hear about the 2017 CMGA Symposium? (Check all that apply.)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
CMGA Laurel newsletter	46.0%	63
CMGA symposium flyer sent via US mail	40.9%	56
E-mail from CMGA about Symposium	49.6%	68
Master Gardener Coordinator discussion, message, e-	28.5%	39
Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut newsletter	9.5%	13
Connecticut Horticulture Society newsletter	6.6%	9
Other society or club. Please specify Comments section	1.5%	2
Newspaper	1.5%	2
CT Patch	0.7%	1
Friend	10.9%	15
Other. Please specify in Comments section below.	8.0%	11
Comments, please!		45
		answered question 137
		skipped question 0



Number	Response Date	Comments, please!	Categories
1	Mar 27, 2017 4:33 PM	Board membership!	
2	Mar 26, 2017 10:54 PM	LOVE CT College location! Space is ideal for the event!! Previous attendance. I belong to 2 FGCCT clubs but only one made mention of the CMGA Symposium in its communication with members. Only 2-3 MG in each club of 50 members each. Other members are "casual" gardeners or	
3	Mar 26, 2017 9:59 PM	more into flower arranging than growing.	
4	Mar 26, 2017 9:56 PM	I thought it was great!	
5	Mar 25, 2017 9:40 PM	fellow garden club members and master gardeners	
6	Mar 25, 2017 3:34 AM	Thank you. Very nice day. All four speakers that I heard were excellent! organized, knowledgeable, professional power points, good presenters. That rarely happens at a	
7	Mar 24, 2017 9:38 PM	conference. Opening up the eating areas was really an improvement, All in all, the CMGA	
8	Mar 23, 2017 5:12 PM	always holds a great session. Love the addition of hardscaping this year.	
9	Mar 23, 2017 4:10 PM	Very well done! Great speakers.	
10	Mar 23, 2017 12:13 PM	local garden club I look forward to these events every year, and I hope that a better venue can be	
11	Mar 22, 2017 9:35 PM	found.	
12	Mar 22, 2017 9:14 PM	I am on the CMGA BOD	
13	Mar 22, 2017 3:52 PM	Very well organised event.	
14	Mar 22, 2017 2:01 PM	Another master gardener	
15	Mar 22, 2017 1:26 PM	I look for it every year. I looked on CMGA website	
16	Mar 22, 2017 11:49 AM	Everyone put a lot of work into it and I am grateful. It was well organized and .	
17	Mar 22, 2017 11:13 AM	My sister is a master gardener and she invited me.	
18	Mar 22, 2017 1:53 AM	Thank you for all your hard work. Can't wait for 2018. I wouldn't miss this conference. I look forward to it. Well organized, terrific	
19	Mar 22, 2017 1:18 AM	speakers	
20	Mar 22, 2017 1:09 AM	Wonderful job. I really enjoyed everything!	
21	Mar 22, 2017 12:18 AM	thanks for a great day! As much as I enjoy the speakers, I would like to see more time devoted to Q &	
22	Mar 21, 2017 10:46 PM	A.	
23	Mar 21, 2017 9:53 PM	ease of survey was great, thank you Venue is great. Overall it was a very interesting and productive day. Thanks	
24	Mar 21, 2017 8:26 PM	for your efforts!	
25	Mar 21, 2017 8:14 PM	Who is a master gardener	
26	Mar 21, 2017 8:11 PM	CT Gardener magazine	
27	Mar 21, 2017 7:53 PM	please consider asking everyone to refrain from using fragrances	
28	Mar 21, 2017 7:09 PM	Very well done overall. I drive up from NJ. President of Keyport Garden Club. You hard work was very	
29	Mar 21, 2017 7:02 PM	obvious. Nicely done and inspiring.	

		Terrific symposium event; all areas seemed to be so smooth and worked well for attendees. Environmentally more friendly with water bottles. Still had people throwing trash in wrong bins: maybe put paper sign on all bins listing what can go in recycle bin vs trash bin - only saw one sign. Good idea for coat rack in front, could have used another. Identify someone to be "Lost and Found" point
30	Mar 21, 2017 6:50 PM	person at end of symposium
31	Mar 21, 2017 6:42 PM	Conn. College Arboretum newsletter.
32	Mar 21, 2017 6:27 PM	Thank you to the committee for all the work they do, it has become a rite of Spring to attend this for me. this is probably the most outstanding CMGA conference I remember over the past 10 years. many thanks to those of you who worked so hard to make it
33	Mar 21, 2017 5:45 PM	happen.
34	Mar 21, 2017 5:36 PM	Enjoyed. Thanks.
35	Mar 21, 2017 5:36 PM	For master gardener good advertisement
36	Mar 21, 2017 5:26 PM	Another great event! Love the CT College location.
37	Mar 21, 2017 5:25 PM	I really appreciate the email heads up most of all.
38	Mar 21, 2017 5:18 PM	my wife is a master gardener and I attended as her guest. Thank you so much for opening this to guests. I really enjoyed the program and plan to apply for the Master Gardener program next year. It was terrific to be surrounded by other people who enjoy gardening and so many with so much knowledge. Thanks again. Well done. Very organized, great signs, lots to do. maybe three speaker times less time looking at a small selection of vendors and less time talking and sitting with others, i like to get as much education as
39	Mar 21, 2017 5:02 PM	possible im not into much small talk
40	Mar 21, 2017 5:01 PM	Another great year at the symposium! Look forward to it each year! Great way to get credits for AMG! Wish we would
41	Mar 21, 2017 4:41 PM	get more than 2 though! Thank you!
42	Mar 21, 2017 4:30 PM	I liked it!.
43	Mar 21, 2017 3:45 PM	Very good overall. Great venue! Was not feeling well so didn't attend as many sessions as I would have liked. Am willing to help next year.. form some reason, I was dropped from CMGA...might have lost the
44	Mar 21, 2017 3:45 PM	membership email when computer went down..
45	Mar 13, 2017 6:50 PM	the Goddess knows all....

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