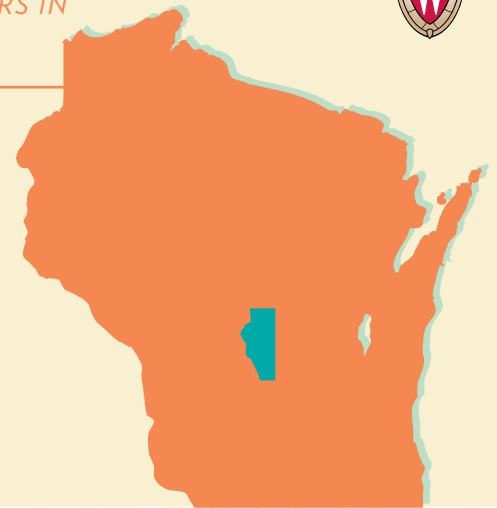




# WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN ADAMS COUNTY



*In 2018, Adams County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 732 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$17,556.\**

\*Using the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$24.69 per hour from Independent Sector (independentsector.org).

## FEATURED PROJECTS

### Engage kids with plants

Adams County Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) participated in a gardening project with elementary students at Adams-Friendship Elementary school. In 2018, MGVs provided materials and instruction to 320 students on growing sunflowers into disposable cups. The seedlings were then taken home by the students to be planted. This project introduced kids to basic gardening concepts through this hands-on project.

### Clean up roadsides

Twice a year in the spring and fall, Adams County MGVs participate in the "Adopt-A-Highway" program where volunteers walk along a designated two-mile section of Highway 13 in Adams County to collect litter. Volunteers collected 30-35 bags of garbage. The collected debris is then placed at a chosen area to be picked up by the Adams County Highway Department. This project helps reduce litter along the roadside, as well as give volunteers fresh air and exercise, all while enhancing the environment and beautifying Wisconsin's roadsides.

### Promote gardening to women

MGVs hosted an informational booth for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Night Out community event. This event is geared toward women's health and interests, and includes booth exhibitors, shopping, dinner, raffles, a keynote speaker, prize drawings, and gift bags. The booth promoted the Master Gardener Program to individuals in attendance. Over 500 attendees visited this event.

### Promote community beautification

MGVs planted and maintained trees and flowers, which in turn made public space more inviting to the community. MGVs planted flowers throughout the community, including six flower planters at Gunderson Moundview Hospital & Clinics, 29 total plants and a six-foot by five-foot planter at the county fairgrounds, seven planters with 35 plants at the Adams County Community Center, larger planters at the farmers' market, and 12 perennials and various annuals at the Adams County Sheriff Department Memorial.



The Master Gardener Program in Adams County started in 1997. Over 172 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 9 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

### Where you can find activities by MGVs in Adams County

- Adams County Community Center
- Adams-Friendship Elementary School Garden
- Hazel Street Farmers' Market
- Kids' Day at Middle School
- Adams-Friendship County Library
- Adams-Friendship County Fairgrounds
- Villa Pines Living Center
- Gunderson Memorial Hospital & Clinics



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