



WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN DOUGLAS COUNTY



*In 2018, Douglas County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 822 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$19,716.**

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

FEATURED PROJECTS

Partner with UW–Madison in vegetable trials

Douglas County Master Gardener Volunteers joined a UW–Madison Horticulture Department research project to grow tasty vegetable cultivars in our climate. Since 2016, Douglas County Local Food Growers and Local Food Chefs and foodies have partnered with the Seed to Kitchen Research Project. The data gathered by the MGVs along with several other local participants will allow the plant UW Madison plant breeders to develop cultivars from heirloom and organic seed sources that taste good, grow in our local conditions and are local marketable.



Beautify the community with gardens

MGVs renovated gardens in four parks in the City of Superior, per the interest of the city's Parks and Recreation director to create a more welcoming space. MGVs used Extension landscape publications to create designs incorporating color, seasonality, whims, and hardiness for the gardens. The city used the designs with their local landscaping contractor to order the plant materials and to create the perennial gardens. "It is a great thing when the principles of landscape design can be incorporated into the creating a better place to play and connect with the community", said the City Parks and Recreation director. MGVs will continue with the garden projects by applying their expertise on garden maintenance.

Introduce monarch butterflies to the community

MGVs provided education to the public on the value of pollinator habitat with display gardens and monarch rearing activities. In addition, MGVs presented to northwestern Wisconsin residents on insect life cycles and habitat conservation during a special event, *A Monarch Butterfly Evening*, which was attended by many.



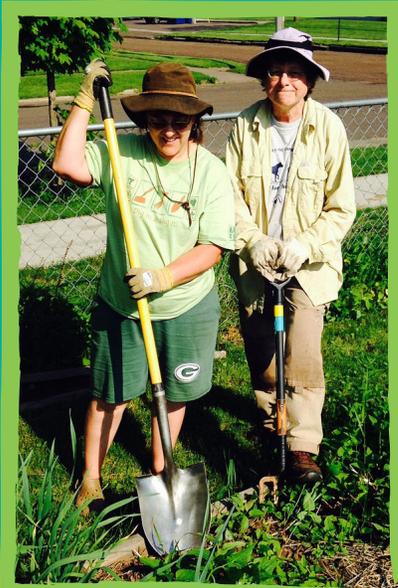
"Though they do not need us to assist them in metamorphosis, they rely on our habitat conservation and sharing the amazing story of larva to butterfly!"

—A Monarch Butterfly Evening Participant



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The Master Gardener Program in Douglas County started in 1998. Over 279 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 14 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

Where you can find activities by MGVs in Douglas County

- Solid Rock Supplemental Food Garden
- Douglas County Historical Society
- Nebagamon Veterans Memorial
- Broadway Community Garden
- Four Corners Indigenous Food Garden
- Fairlawn Mansion Garden
- Superior HA Container Garden
- Lake Superior Rose Society

