



WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN LINCOLN COUNTY



*In 2018, Lincoln County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 557 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$13,368.**

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

FEATURED PROJECTS

Engage elders in nursing home with gardening

Lincoln County Master Gardener Volunteers planted tomatoes, flowers, and herbs with residents of Pine Crest Nursing Home. "Residents enjoy being in the garden," said the activity director. In addition to outdoor gardening, MGVs socially engaged with the residents on gardening topics as part of the recreational therapy program. The county owned care facility services a range of patient needs, from rehab to dementia care. This project originated with a Wisconsin Partnership Program grant through the UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health.



Create garden to welcome visitors to community

To create a welcoming entrance to those driving into Merrill, MGVs continue to landscape the roundabout at County Highway K and Highway 64. The project is funded from the Park City Gardens with additional plant donations from area businesses and organizations. Due to the popularity of this project others have approached MGVs for their help, including River Bend Trail in Merrill and area businesses.



Educate community on mushrooms

Lincoln County Master Gardeners led a hands-on workshop on growing shiitake and oyster mushrooms. The program, in partnership with Live Sustainable, Lincoln County, reached over 30 participants.



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The Master Gardener Program in Lincoln County started in 2014. Over 25 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 10 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

Where you can find activities by MGVs in Lincoln County

- Tall Pines Community Garden
- Pine Crest Nursing Home
- Pine River School for Young Learners
- Merrill Enrichment Center
- Boy Scouts
- T.B. Scott Free Library, Merrill, WI
- Live Sustainable, Lincoln County Association for Home & Community Education
- Pine River Middle School

