



WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN WAUPACA COUNTY

*In 2018, Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 1,270 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$30,468.**



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

The Master Gardener Program in Waupaca County started in 1994. Over 191 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 23 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

Where you can find activities by MGVs in Waupaca County

- Waupaca County Fairgrounds
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church
- Most Precious Blood Catholic Church
- Mission of Hope, New London
- Waupaca Community Garden
- Franklin Park, New London
- Wolf River Sturgeon Trail
- Local libraries

FEATURED PROJECTS

Teach kids about gardening

Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers have offered kids' programs at the New London Children's Garden since the mid-1990s. During this year's 13-week program 9 families learned about planting, soil care, weeding, and harvesting vegetables. At Super Saturday (4-H), the Waupaca County Fair, individual 4-H club meetings, farm field days and plant and soil science day, over 20 MGVs taught more than 300 youth different aspects of gardening.



Garden walk and art stroll fundraiser

MGVs engaged over 150 participants in a garden tour fundraiser. Six home gardens displayed flower and vegetable gardens, an orchard, and vineyard. In addition, two artists were featured at each garden and featured their talents. Proceeds benefited Waupaca county gardening projects.

Educate the community

MGVs met their own continuing education needs and provide the community access to gardening information. Monthly, evening programs use guest speakers to address a variety of topics, such as monarch butterfly migration, tool sharpening, invasive insects, flower arranging demonstrations, and visit to MGV gardens. About 10 to 15 people attend the monthly programs. MGVs also staffed a booth at the county fair and provided information on jumping worms to visitors.



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