



The Master Gardener Program in Waukesha County started in 1998. Over 1,025 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 234 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2016. The UWEX Educator facilitating the MG Program is Consumer Horticulture Educator Ann Wied.

Community Garden Shares Produce

St. James Community Garden (“Field of Dreams”), now double last year’s size, provided 2,700 pounds of fresh produce to 3 different food pantries and to a Senior Center. MGVs regularly assist parishioner volunteers in caring for raised bed vegetable gardens (including parking lot islands), as well as numerous fruit trees and bushes. Produce is harvested, washed and packaged for donation; recipes may be included that use the donated produce.

Eble Park Veggie Garden Grows, Educates

Eble Park’s expanded Vegetable Garden is benefitting from the efforts of dedicated MGVs. Soil is improved annually with applications of compost created on site. This year a record crop—1,321 pounds—of fresh produce was donated to the Waukesha Food Pantry. The garden provides an example of a layout for large home gardens, volunteers answer questions from the public, brochures and handouts are available, and plant labeling enables self-guided public tours.

Teaching People to Grow Food

MGVs support NuGenesis Farm’s mission of teaching people to grow, cook and understand food’s impact on health/wellness by donating time, talents and occasionally, tools, enabling NuGenesis to harvest 2,420 pounds of fresh produce; over half was donated to 4 different organizations. Seedlings were grown in a new hoop house for transplant to the many raised beds. Plants are labeled and various gardening techniques (vertical trellis gardening, straw bale, raised beds) demonstrate the possibilities for the public.

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Volunteer Service in 2015

Youth Ed	2,175	hours
Adult Ed	7,704	hours
Support	4,507	hours
Total	14,398	hours
Value*	\$320,217	

Since 2000: 167,950 hours at a value of over \$3,043,155

* using the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$22.24 per hour, from Independent Sector. Cumulative value based on previous annual estimates.



Where you can find activities by MGVs in Waukesha Co.

- Mukwonago Red Brick Museum
- Historic Dousman Stagecoach Inn
- Waukesha Memorial Hospital Garden
- Oconomowoc Mem. Hospital Garden
- Linden Grove Health Care Ctr Garden
- Community Memorial Hospital Garden
- Ten Chimney – historic landmark

