



The Master Gardener Program in Waukesha County started in 1998. Over 1,084 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 246 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2017. The UW-Extension Educator facilitating the MG Program is Consumer Horticulture Educator Ann Wied.

Community Values Garden Talks & Demo Garden

The Master Gardener ProHealth Care WMH-Kitchen Garden and *Garden Talk Series* provides the Waukesha Memorial Hospital community many opportunities to learn about gardening. 175 people attended six free gardening presentations by MGVs throughout the growing season at the hospital. In addition, MGVs have a vegetable demonstration garden located in the courtyard of the hospital. Each presentation ends in the garden so participants can also learn from the garden. Over 336 pounds of vegetables were donated to a local food pantry.

County Fair Exhibit Educates Youth and Adults

MGVs provided three hands-on activities and gardening information for youth and adults the Waukesha County Fair. Participants learned about planting seeds, invasive plants and insects, composting, and vegetables. MGVs also answered gardening questions and offered educational literature on a number of topics. Booth space was shared with UW-Extension 4-H who were happy to have additional educational activities at their site.

Vegetable Garden Feeds the Homeless and Hungry

Green Power Garden is located in Waukesha on a six-acre property. Four acres are tilled and planted with vegetables. MGVs plant and tend the garden and provide education to youth groups, community groups, and others who come to volunteer at the garden. In 2016, over 3,275 pounds of produce were harvested and donated to two local organizations. Produce donations helps one organization provide free meals at their outreach center meal program and day center. Produce is also donated to a local food pantry.

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Volunteer Service in 2016

Youth Ed	2,380	hours
Adult Ed	8,546	hours
Support	4,879	hours
Total	15,805	hours
Value*	\$355,291	

Since 2000: 183,755 hours at a value of over \$3,398,446

* using the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$22.48 per hour, from Independent Sector. Cumulative value based on previous annual estimates.



Where you can find activities by MGVs in Waukesha Co.

- Waukesha County Fair
- Brookfield Farmer’s Market
- Eble Park
- Oconomowoc Arts Center
- St. James Community Gardens
- Pewaukee Library Rain Garden
- Community Outreach Events
- North Lake Town Hall Library

