



The Master Gardener Program in Waukesha County started in 1998. Over 1,084 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 224 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2018. The UW-Extension Educator facilitating the MG Program is Consumer Horticulture Educator Ann Wied.

**Project Wins National Excellence Award**

The Lifelong Gardening Committee of the Southeast Wisconsin MGA was recognized at the 2017 International Master Gardener Conference in Portland, Oregon in July, with their submission *Gardening Through Life* earning 1st place in the Special Needs Category. For over seven years MGVs have provided education on principles and methods that enable gardeners to enjoy gardening throughout their lifetime. The curriculum was developed into a clear and concise program that can be shared with other MG programs nation-wide.

**Waukesha County Fair Booth Offers Youth Activities**

Four MGVs staffed the tables each day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Youth and adults stopped by the tables and participated in four free youth gardening activities that were offered. Educational literature was also available on a number of topics and was shared with adults when they stopped by. Over 315 people (primarily children) participated in the activities.

**Vegetable Garden Supplies Food Pantry**

MGVs grow about three dozen types of vegetables each year at Eble Park Vegetable Garden to supply the Food Pantry of Waukesha County with fresh vegetables during the growing season. This year over 3,800 pounds of vegetables were donated. A group of 12 MGVs work each Tuesday evening throughout the growing season to plant, maintain and harvest produce. With a mix of new and seasoned MGVs working together everyone also learns while participating. In the off season this garden is used to overwinter plants donated for the MGV plant sale in spring.

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**Volunteer Service in 2017**

Youth Ed	2,338	hours
Adult Ed	8,787	hours
Support	5,168	hours
Total	16,293	hours
Value*	\$375,278	

Since 2000: 200,029 hours at a value of over \$3,773,724

\* using the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$23.06 per hour, from Independent Sector. Cumulative value based on previous annual estimates.



**Where you can find activities by MGVs in Waukesha Co.**

- Dousman Stagecoach Inn
- Eble Park Flower and Vegetable Garden
- Green Power Garden
- St James Community Garden
- Waukesha Memorial Hospital Garden
- Ten Chimneys Historic Site
- Sussex Civic Center Garden
- Wilson Center Strohmaier Garden

