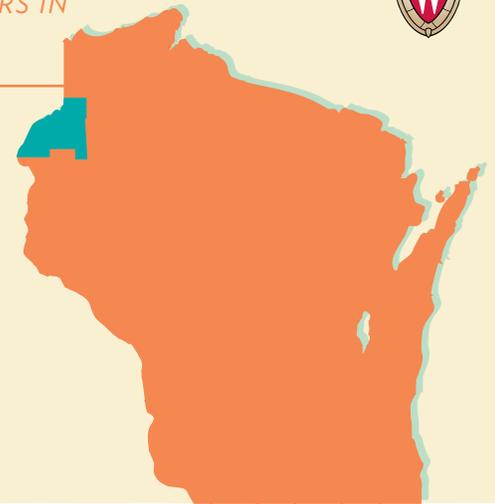




# WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN **BURNETT COUNTY**



*In 2018, Burnett County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 457 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$10,968.\**

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

## **FEATURED PROJECTS**

### **Introduce kids to butterfly habitat**

Burnett County Master Gardener Volunteers teach Webster Elementary School fourth graders the importance of milkweed as a vital habitat for Monarch butterflies. With the help of MGVs, students harvested milkweed pods, collected the seeds, and distributed seeds with instructions to families attending an educational open house. In addition, MGVs work with a teach on a farm to table concept in the school in order to bring fresh, locally grown vegetables to the students.

### **Support Historical Society through gardening efforts**

MGVs maintain multiple garden projects at Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park. To create a welcoming space, native and heirloom gardens surround the visitor center. Vegetables are also grown on site and used as part of a fundraising dinner. To raise additional money for the historical society, MGVs provide education during a plant sale to the public.

### **Engage kids with plants**

In cooperation with the Burnett Garden Club, MGVs provide plant-based activities to kids and families at the Grantsburg Oktoberfest. MGVs enabled kids to interact with soil and succulent plants as they were able to create their own imaginative fairy gardens. They highlighted a make-your-own mini succulent garden which included little fairy garden type decorations. Projects such as this are important ways to introduce plants and gardening to kids, encourage creative expression, and generate positive family interactions.

### **Renovate food pantry garden**

MGVs provide expertise and assistance to renovate the hoop house at Ruby's Pantry in Siren, WI. This allowed the pantry to continue to provide fresh vegetables and volunteer opportunities to their clientele.



The Master Gardener Program in Burnett County started in 1999. Over 51 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 7 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

### **Where you can find activities by MGVs in Burnett County**

- Forts Folle Avione Historic Park
- Grantsburg Library
- Webster Elementary School Garden
- Webster Library
- Lakeside Lutheran Church
- Burnett County Farmers' Market
- Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Area
- St. Croix Tribe Head Start



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