



WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN **FLORENCE** COUNTY



*In 2018, Florence County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 2,404 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$57,696.**

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

FEATURED PROJECTS

Grow food for the community

Florence County Master Gardener Volunteers, in conjunction with Extension's FoodWise program, installed 8 raised beds, compost bins, and other gardening features at the Crossroads Community Garden, Florence. As a result they grew over 190 pounds of vegetable for the local food pantry.



Educate the public with programs

MGVs reached over 50 participants in public presentation on perennial flower maintenance. In addition, MGVs partnered with the library for a hands-on gardening activity for area school kids.



Raise money with plant sale

MGVs raised money through a local plant sale and provide scholarships for two college seniors. This project involved volunteers providing plants from their gardens and selling to the community residents.

Renovate garden at Community Center

MGVs continued garden renovation for the Florence Community Center. This summer they obtained a donation and worked with the town and an area irrigation professional to install an in-ground sprinkler system as part of a long-range plan to maintain this highly visible public garden. MGVs in the garden often overheard positive comments about the space from area residents and visitors to the community center.



The Master Gardener Program in Florence County started in 1996. Over 200 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 12 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

Where you can find activities by MGVs in Florence County

- Florence Community Center Gardens
- Natural Resource Center Native Gardens
- Town of Florence Fisher Lake Sign Garden
- Spring annual plant sale, Fairgrounds
- Fall annual plant sale, Florence Community Center
- Wreath Workshop, Florence Community Center



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