



# WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN JUNEAU COUNTY



*In 2018, Juneau County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 947 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$22,716.\**

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

## FEATURED PROJECTS

### Beautify the community

In an ongoing effort to beautify and engage our local communities, Juneau County MGVs planned, planted and maintained public garden spaces in the towns of Tomah, New Lisbon, Mauston, and Elroy.



MGVs taught the kids how to plant and care for their own garden. Another MGV worked with an equestrian club and taught kids square-foot-gardening. One MGV said, "We hope how caring for our surroundings can make a difference to our communities."



### Boorman House stewardship

MGVs maintain the gardens at the Boorman House, a 19<sup>th</sup> century Victorian home owned by the Juneau County Historical Society. The gardens are the first contact point for visitors to the museum. Plants are labeled to inform curious visitors what is there.

### Inspire the next generation

MGVs build gardening interest with kids in the Royal School District, Elroy. One MGV worked with 20 grade school children to plant trees and along with the Parks Department taught them the correct way to plant, water and care for new plantings. In summer-long project,

### Educate the public

MGVs introduced various gardening topics to visitors at both the Elroy Fair and Juneau County Fair. MGVs won a blue ribbon for their educational booth on wild parsnips, a toxic plant for animals and people. At the Elroy Fair MGVs reported over 150 contacts with visitors during the 4 days of the event.



The Master Gardener Program in Juneau County started in 1995. Over 162 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 18 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

### Where you can find activities by MGVs in Juneau County

- Stewart's Chapel
- Adopt-A-Highway projects
- Necedah Wildlife Refuge
- Elroy Fair
- Veteran's Park, Lyndon Station
- Mile Bluff Med. Center Healing Garden
- Boorman House
- Mauston Food Pantry



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