



WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN OZAUKEE COUNTY



In 2018, Ozaukee County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 6,400 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$153,588.*

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

FEATURED PROJECTS

Teach gardening to 4-H kids

Ozaukee County Master Gardener Volunteers, in a joint effort with 4-H, established a teaching garden at the county fairgrounds. MGVs designed the garden, installed raised beds, composting area, and fencing. A dozen youth and families participated in growing flowers and vegetables throughout the summer. The *Ozaukee Press* featured the project in their article, "Budding garden masters".



"The kids are learning more than growing plants. They are learning the value of teamwork."



—Cindy B.,
Master Gardener Volunteer

Educate community on invasive animal species

Ozaukee County Master Gardener Volunteers provided community education on the invasive garden pest, jumping worms. Over 80 people attended a presentation by UW Arboretum ecologist Brad Herrick to address the pest, and received **coverage in local media**. Also, during the annual plant sale, MGVs provided visitors with educational pamphlets and educational videos. "The Master Gardeners were the local leaders on this topic in our community," said Stephanie Plaster, Extension agriculture educator.

Educate kids on gardening in outdoor classroom

MGVs used gardening to teach teamwork in an outdoor classroom at Webster Middle School. An activity included students serving snacks made from veggies from the garden to the teachers. One MGV said, "We are glad to have a positive impact on children. Expanding their garden knowledge is one thing; growing their appreciation for the natural world is another. Children share their lessons with their families, extending our educational outreach." Through this project, the Master Gardeners also work with additional area K-12 schools to develop the horticultural capacity of local science teachers and design educational programs.



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The Master Gardener Program in Ozaukee County started in 2000. Over 521 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 83 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

Where you can find activities by MGVs in Ozaukee County

- Port Triangle Garden, Port Washington
- Lasata Care Center, Cedarburg
- Kuhefuss House Museum, Cedarburg
- Advocates for Women & Children Center
- Ozaukee County Fair
- Pioneer Village, Saukville
- Webster Middle School teaching garden
- Tendick Park, Saukville

