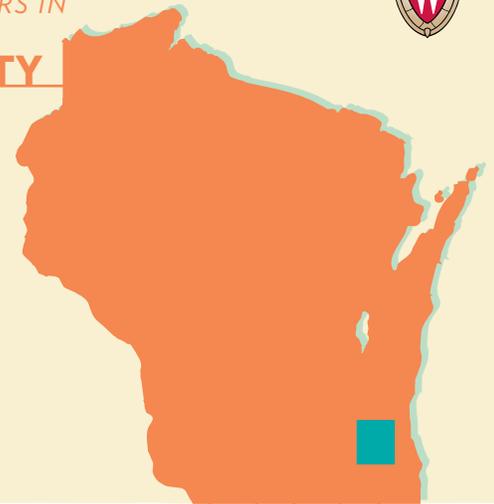




WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN WAUKESHA COUNTY



*In 2018, Waukesha County Master Waukesha Volunteers reported 15,047 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$361,116.**

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

FEATURED PROJECTS

Educate hospital visitors with display garden

Waukesha County Master Gardener Volunteers managed a demonstration garden at ProHealth Care Waukesha Memorial Hospital (WMH) and donated over 1,709.5 pounds of vegetables to a local food pantry. In addition, 183 people attended one or more of the free gardening presentations provided each month (May through October) by MGVs.



The gardens get many visitors since they are located at the entrance of the Sussex Civic Center which is home to many village services and activities including the senior center and food pantry. Educational brochures are readily available to visitors.

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—MGV Plant Sale Visitor

Maintain garden at historic site

MGVs maintain several garden spaces at Dousmann Stagecoach Inn, a 2-acre Brookfield park featuring a 1900s historic home maintained by the Elmbrook Historical Society. MGVs provided maintenance in a number of garden areas and removed invasive plant species from the property. This summer MGVs staffed a table to talk with attendees and answered questions at the 175th celebration of Dousman Stagecoach Inn. The Elm Grove mayor, other notaries, Elmbrook Historical Society members and the public attended. Dousmann Stagecoach Inn is listed by TripAdvisor as #4 of 9 things to do in Brookfield.

Maintain garden at civic center

MGVs planted and maintained two garden areas at the Sussex Civic Center. One is a vegetable garden modeled off the Victory Gardens from World War II, and MGVs were able to donate over 280 pounds of veggies to a local food pantry. The other garden is a pollinator garden and is filled with native plants. Both garden areas were featured in the Fall 2018 Village of Sussex newsletter that is sent to over 12,000 residents.

Provide education at plant sale

MGVs provided education to over 875 customer at the annual Southeast Wisconsin Master Gardener Association Plant Sale at the Wisconsin State Fair Grounds. MGVs provided information on a variety of topics including plant selection and maintenance, insect and disease pests, and more. One participant was overheard saying, "it was worth it to stand in the sale line at 6:30 a.m., because MGVs can actually give me plant answers I trust. They aren't going to try to sell me the wrong plants just to make money."



The Master Gardener Program in Waukesha County started in 1998 and operates in conjunction with Milwaukee County. Over 610 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 251 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

Where you can find activities by MGVs in Waukesha County

- 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



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