



The Master Gardener Program in Kenosha County started in 1994. Over 335 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 45 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2016. The UWEX Educator facilitating the MG Program is Horticulture Educators Barb Larson and Jeanne Hilinske-Christensen.

Display Garden Showcases Edible Ornamentals

The focus of the Kenosha Co. Center Demonstration Garden has always been edible ornamentals, so adding nationally award-winning vegetables (and flowers) in an All-America Selections (AAS) Display Garden complemented the original garden area. MGVs planted the AAS Display Garden according to the theme, “Geometry in the Kitchen Garden” and won third place in the 2015 AAS Landscape Design Garden Contest in Category 1 (0-10,000 visitors). This garden not only shows how to grow edibles; the produce is used in programming by nutrition educators and donated to local food pantries.

Elementary School Garden Grows

The school garden at Curtis Strange Elementary School continues to grow, with 4 raised bed planters added this season, where MGVs educate students about plant parts, garden tasks, and healthy eating. Students documented their experiences in scrapbooks and on posters, and some took on the responsibility of assisting with summer garden chores. Harvested produce was given to students to share with their families and to a local food pantry.

Hospice Meditation Garden Offers Comfort

A faithful group of MGVs planted and maintained a portion of the landscape at a local hospice. This therapeutic garden is a continuing MGV project. Their efforts were recognized by Kenosha News in a March 2015 article about community gardens and in the Fall 2015 Hospice Alliance newsletter. Area garden clubs awarded annual grants to assist them in achieving their goal of providing a garden that offers peace and comfort to hospice residents and staff.

The Master Gardener Program in Kenosha County

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Volunteer Service in 2015

Youth Ed	605	hours
Adult Ed	1,194	hours
Support	3,092	hours
Total	4,892	hours
Value*	\$108,815	

Since 2000: 69,739 hours at a value of over \$1,267,141

* using the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$22.24 per hour, from Independent Sector. Cumulative value based on previous annual estimates.



Where you can find activities by MGVs in Kenosha Co.

- Kenosha Harbor Market
- Kenosha County Fair
- “Spring into Gardening” Event
- Yard & Garden Helpline
- Hospice Meditation Garden
- Kenosha Achievement Center Garden
- Boys & Girls Club Afterschool Program
- Elementary School Gardens

