



The Master Gardener Program in Dunn County started in 2010. Over 83 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 14 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2018. The UW-Extension Educator facilitating the MG Program is Agriculture Agent Katie Wantoch.

Teaching Grafting at Menomonie High School

Each spring students in the horticulture class at Menomonie High School get a chance to learn the process of grafting. Ms. D'Angelo, Agriscience teacher and MG, collects scions from her neighbor's apple trees and orders dwarf rootstocks. With help from MGVs, students get to cut their scion to fit the cleft of the divided rootstock. They also add grafting wax to the exposed areas to keep from drying out. Students learn a new skill and are able to take their grafted apple tree home to plant in their yard.

Produce from Jail Garden Donated to Food Pantry

In 2010, the Dunn County Jail Garden was started under the management of volunteers. During the first seven years, 127 Huber inmates contributed 2,100 hours as part of their community service requirements. The garden is about 34,000 square feet, including space for apple, plum, and cherry trees, along with a variety of vegetables such as asparagus, rhubarb, tomatoes, beans, potatoes, vine crops and others. So far, the garden has provided over 15,000 pounds of produce to the Stepping Stones Food Pantry of Dunn County.

Dunn Co. Historical Society Rain Garden Upgraded

A professionally planted rain garden at the Dunn County Historical Society has been maintained by MGVs for the past few years. The garden contains false indigo, wild quinine, blue flag iris, three kinds of ornamental grasses, rudbeckia, obedient plant, and several kinds of native flowers. After assisting with brush removal in the spring and pulling weeds throughout the summer, MGV Martha Wallen is working with the new museum director to add educational signage and handmade stepping stones.

The Master Gardener Program in Dunn County

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Volunteer Service in 2017

Youth Ed	60 hours
Adult Ed	86 hours
Support	409 hours
Total	555 hours
Value*	\$12,810

Since 2010: 7,908 hours at a value of over \$158,930

* using the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$23.06 per hour, from Independent Sector. Cumulative value based on previous annual estimates.



Where you can find activities by MGVs in Dunn Co.

- Dunn County Jail Garden
- Dunn Co. Vets Memorial Flower Garden
- Dunn Co. Historical Society
- Menomonie HS Agri-Science classes
- Stepping Stones Annual Garden Tour
- UWEX Family Night at local schools
- Wakanda Elementary School garden
- *Annual Spring Begins!* seminar

