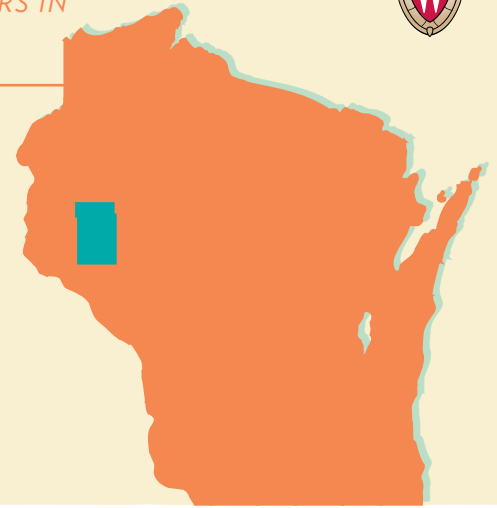




WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN DUNN COUNTY



*In 2018, Dunn County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 529 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$12,708.**

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

FEATURED PROJECTS

Grow food with the incarcerated

Since 2010, Dunn County Master Gardener Volunteers have partnered with the county jail in order to engage Huber inmates in growing fresh vegetables for a community food pantry. Over the 8 years, the program has provided over 23,000 pounds of produce to the food pantry, and worked with over 172 Huber inmates who have worked over 2,350 hours of restitution.



Introduce monarch butterflies to the community

MGVs converted a garden plot at the Menomonie Community Garden into Monarch butterfly habitat and reared caterpillars for release. MGVs engaged other gardeners in discussions of pollinator habitat preservation.



Educate the public about gardening

Dunn County Master Gardener Volunteers provided various educational opportunities for their own continuing education and for the public. Programs included a lecture on hosta propagation and prairie walks. MGVs offered 12 public education programs that garnered an approximate attendance of 70 community members.

Engage fair visitors with plants

MGVs designed and planted containers to be displayed at the Dunn County Fair for past three years as a way to engage fair visitors with plants and gardening information.



The Master Gardener Program in Dunn County started in 2010. Over 279 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 16 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

Where you can find activities by MGVs in Dunn County

- Dunn County Jail Garden
- Dunn County Veterans Memorial Flower Garden
- Dunn County Historical Society
- Menomonie HS Agri-Science classes
- Stepping Stones annual garden tour
- Extension Family Night at local schools
- Wakanda Elementary School garden
- *Spring Begins!* annual seminar



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