



The Master Gardener Program in Marinette County started in 1991. Over 263 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 42 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2018. The UW-Extension Educator facilitating the MG Program is Agriculture and Horticulture Agent Scott Reuss.

**Garden Offers Learning Opportunities**

The gardens at Harmony Arboretum—designed, created and maintained by MGVs—offer self-guided learning opportunities at any time for youth, families, and individuals, as well as enhancing overall wellness, health, and social responsibility for environmental stewardship. Yearly and seasonal demonstrations showcase the many situations that residents can face in their own gardens while giving alternative options they can explore.

**Children Learn About Nature**

The *Kids Dig it!* event provided families with quality nature education experiences, while providing incentives to get out and explore in their own backyards. Creativity was sparked with hands on arts, getting dirty with lessons about soil helped explain its importance, and insects including honeybees were available to examine up close to give a better understanding of their influence on our lives. MGVs got the children involved with transplanting live plants and starting seeds to teach firsthand how they can do it themselves.

**Spring Garden Conference Educates Residents**

This annual event exposes attendees to many aspects of horticulture, reliable resources, and connects them with others who will share their trials and successes so fellow gardeners can learn from their experiences. Topics this year related to how to grow your food successfully included vegetables, fruits, herbs, even poultry/small animals just to name a few. With the information provided and resources presented attendees can get started gardening, renovate existing gardens, or change their gardening practices to ensure a bountiful harvest.

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Volunteer Service in 2017

Youth Ed	96	hours
Adult Ed	255	hours
Support	3,759	hours
Total	4,110	hours
Value*	\$94,765	

Since 2000: 56,340 hours at a value of over \$1,070,615

\* 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 Marinette Co.

- Harmony Arboretum
- Amberg Community Center
- Field of Faith Community Garden
- Linda’s Garden at Spies Library
- Isaac Stephenson Memorial Statue
- West Shore Fishing Museum
- Marinette County Town Halls
- Community Libraries

