

FOND DU LAC COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS  
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Greetings from our President Doug Kindschuh,

I would like to welcome everyone to the Fond du Lac Master Gardeners Association. We have an exciting year planned that will educate and benefit all members current and new.

First, let's get to know the Board Members and officers. They are President, Doug Kindschuh, Vice President, Hal Barfknecht, Treasurer, Diane Soffa, Secretary, Linda Armstrong, WIMGA Rep, Ellen Flynn, Social Director, Cindy Risvold, Director, Lyle Mercer, Past President, John Halle, Member, Tina Weiss, and Member, Pat Birschbach.

This information packet contains, among the directory as well as other items. Please check your name and address for accuracy. Included are two fliers. One is for the plant sale and one is for the Day in the Garden. The plant sale is our biggest fund raiser. Any time you can give to that effort is will be much appreciated.

Also included are forms for tracking your volunteer/education hours. Please fill out these forms as the year progresses. Count ALL of your hours! The hours are necessary to meet our membership guidelines. These hours are reported to the State Association the more we have the better we look.

There is a Project List included. From this list you can see the opportunities to get your volunteer hours. If you spot an opportunity, that you would like to take advantage of, please contact Hal Barfknecht.

A change that we are making this year is that we are running the Horticultural Hotline from April 20<sup>th</sup> through September through Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. There is a choice on working the hours of 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM or 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Additionally, instead of two days per week, we are going to be available three days, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There will be training(s) sessions, most likely in the evening, for volunteers.

Some of the events we have planned are dairy-based treats at the June meeting to commemorate National Dairy Month. We have treats at all meetings, sometimes even a Potluck Luncheon. A summer picnic and a rain barrel workshop are planned. Cindy Risvold has some really super bus trips planned for us this year. Remember that you can use volunteer hours to get discounts on for these trips.

PICK'N SAVE has a wonderful support opportunity for our Association through their "We Care" program. Last year we received \$104.72 from this program. We can make this donation even larger by one simple action. The next time you shop at PICK'N SAVE would you please go to the customer service booth and ask that your discount card be associated with this number **491250**. This does not affect in any way the discounts you receive for using the card. It is their way of saying "Thank You" for shopping with them.

I look forward to working with each one of you to make our world a little greener.

Happy Gardening!

Doug

## Summary of Fond du Lac County Master Gardener Volunteer Association

The Fond du Lac County Master Gardener Volunteer Association has a unique relationship with the UW-Extension. They support our Association and sponsor the Master Gardener Volunteer Program.

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. We hold a minimum of 4 meetings annually.

Our mission is to provide horticultural information and education to Fond du Lac County area residents, provide continuing horticultural education to its members, and facilitates the exchange of ideas, information and experiences among members.

Our goal is to help the people in our communities to become better gardeners so they are able to grow their own produces and landscape their living spaces successfully.

Some of our activities include a yearly garden seminar, Master Gardener training opportunities, and an annual plant sale.

We encourage everyone to become a **Certified Master Gardener Volunteer**. Every year you need to complete **24 hours** of volunteer work. To maintain **Certified Master Gardener Volunteer** status, an individual must complete **24 hours of volunteer work** and **10 hours of continuing education**. This is a change to **24 hours of volunteer work** in 2004. Please refer to the enclosed **Project List** of some volunteer opportunities and feel free to contact committee chairpersons listed for further information.

### PLANT SALE DIGS:

Our **HUGE** annual Master Gardener Plant Sale – Saturday, May 16, will e coming up before you know it! If you have extra plants, we will be happy to come and help you dig and pot.

We will again have flats of annuals and vegetables. If you have a project bed you are

Continuing education hours can be obtained by going to horticulture seminars, listening to WI Public Radio's Garden Talk (Friday-11:00 a.m. and Sunday-7:00 a.m.) or watch WI Public Television's WI Gardener (check your local listings).

Your volunteer hours sheet is due by **October 1<sup>st</sup>** to Ellen Flynn, N2582 County road SSS, Campbellsport, WI 53010. Phone: 920-533-8859 [flynncwef3@msn.com](mailto:flynncwef3@msn.com)

While taking the opportunity to become involved with our organization, you will have the experience of learning and working with people who have the same interests. We have a lot of fun making friends while getting involved with projects because we all have the same passion for gardening and plants.

**Annual dues of \$7 are due by November 1**, for the next year. If you are a new member in **2009**, the class tuition included dues for **2009**. If you are a continuing Master Gardener Volunteer who took the training in past years, you have to pay \$2 local dues, plus \$5 state dues. If you need to pay your annual dues, send them to our Treasurer:

Diane Soffa, 282 Sheboygan Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935, Phone 920-922-1323  
[dbsoffa@charter.net](mailto:dbsoffa@charter.net)

**If you are no longer interested in the Master Gardener Association, please notify; Kathy Schneider at UW-Extension 929-3171 or [kathy.schneider@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:kathy.schneider@ces.uwex.edu) .**

working in, please let us know what annuals you are looking for, and we'll try to have them at the plant sale.

Any questions, contact: Jane Gamble or Gary McCaughtry at 920-753-3505 or 920-251-5303. E-mail: [janegary@charter.net](mailto:janegary@charter.net) .

# Projects and Contacts

Fond du Lac County Master Gardener Association

24-Mar-09

PROJECT	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
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Art Building/Rain garden --- Campus	Dan Diederich	923-9253	dankathy@Milwpc.com
Art Building/Rain garden --- Campus	Kathy Erickson(Primary)	921-7428	katheric@dotnet.com
Bi - Monthly Newsletter	Linda Armstrong	602-0693	larmstrong3@sbcglobal.net
Community Gardens Coordinator	Patty Percy	477-4091	pattycp02@hotmail.com
Court Yard gardens by steps --- Campus	Suzanne Wheatley	926-1496	rwheatley@mfire.com
Crane's Nest \ Shady Rest --- Campus	Dolores Mick	921-5796	dmick3@charter.net
Crane's Nest \ Shady Rest --- Campus	Karen Arrowood	923-9254	karden@fastbytes.com
Day In The Garden	Beth Howman-Combs	920-748-7353	mbcombs@charter.net
Day In The Garden	Patty Percy	477-4091	pattycp02@hotmail.com
Day In The Garden (Calumet Contact)	Byron Hacker	920-849-2654	bghacker@tcei.com
Down Under Flower Bed --- Campus			
Email Communications	Linda Armstrong	602-0693	larmstrong3@sbcglobal.net
Father Blide's Garden	Sherry Freiberg	920-872-2384	freibs@charter.net
Fond du Lac County Fair-Judging	Patty Percy	477-4091	pattycp02@hotmail.com
Free Spirit Riders Sensory Garden	Barb Schroeder	923-2711	bschroeder6@charter.net
Free Spirit Riders Sensory Garden	Kathy Erickson	921-7428	katheric@dotnet.com
Free Spirit Riders Sensory Garden	Kathy Sabel	921-5849	seeyouk42@gmail.com
Free Spirit Riders Sensory Garden	Lyle Mercer	923-2309	mercerl@charter.net
Free Spirit Riders Sensory Garden	Mary Giacalone	924-3590	megish@att.net
Free Spirit Riders Sensory Garden	Pat Birschbach	921-4373	patc5002@yahoo.com
Gottfried Arboretum Prairie at Campus	Erika Jensen	920-324-5329	erikajen@sbcglobal.net
Horticulture Hot Line	Linda Armstrong	602-0693	larmstrong3@sbcglobal.net
Hosta Bed --- Campus	John Kiefer	920-236-8914	jkiefer@UWC.edu
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Jr. Master Gardener Youth Program	Patty Percy - Chair	477-4091	pattycp02@hotmail.com
Lamartine Veterans Memorial Garden	Dolores Braun	929-0663	doloresbraun@yahoo.com
Mayville - Foster Park	JoAnn Bachhuber	920-387-5554	bachhuber@powerweb.net
MG Community Garden Mentor Program	Lynette Liepert	923-0423	lynettesherbs@charter.net
MG Plant Sale / Digging Crew	Gary McCaughtry	251-5303	janegary@charter.net
MG Plant Sale / Digging Crew	Jane Gamble	753-3505	janegary@charter.net
MG Plant Sale / Digging Crew	Jim Johnson	922-9493	gudjohns@hotmail.com
MG Project Mentoring Program	Kathy Erickson	921-7428	katheric@dotnet.com
MG Project Mentoring Program	Kathy Sabel	921-5849	seeyouk42@gmail.com
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Prairie Fest at the Campus	Cindy Risvold	921-7770	cindyrisvold@uwalumni.com
Prairie Fest at the Campus	Erika Jensen	920-324-5329	erikajen@sbcglobal.net
Publicity & Greeter @M.G. Meetings	Jim Johnson	922-9493	gudjohns@hotmail.com
Ripon - Riggs Park (Hwy23 & Douglas)	Christine Dorsch	920-872-2786	cgdorsch@fastbytes.com
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Senior Center Flower Bed	Diane Soffa	922-1323	dbsoffa@charter.net
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Shady Rest Bed (by elevator) --- Campus	Marilyn Faris	922-1064	bonadooda@yahoo.com
Social & Bus Trip Coordinator	Cindy Risvold	921-7770	cindyrisvold@uwalumni.com
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Sunset Garden --- Campus	Pat Birschbach	921-4373	patc5002@yahoo.com
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Tree Flower Bed --- Campus	Tracy Trenshaw	924-4183	
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Waupun, Pine Street Park			
Waupun, Public Utilities Flagpole	Carolyn Landaal	920-324-5748	
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Waupun, Shaler Park/Community Center	Darlene Drews	920-324-2385	drewdar@dotnet.com
Waupun, West End Park	Shirley Harmsen		jsharmsen@charter.net

## Horticulture 'HOT LINE' Opportunities

A Master Gardener Volunteer is someone who provides service to their community by assisting people in addressing horticultural problems. The Master Gardener program is an all volunteer organization sanctioned by Land Grant Institutions in each state and functions as an extension of a college or university. In Wisconsin, the program is sponsored by the University of WI Extension.

In all states, Master Gardener Volunteers are trained and supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service to help educate citizens who have horticulture questions. While the Fond du Lac County Master Gardeners do great work within the community working

with youth, mentoring and working and educating at the community gardens, we fall short on the education of anyone who does not fall into one of these categories. Answering the 'HOT LINE' will help you to educate others while learning on the job. It is not hard. There are plenty of resources and people to help you answer the tougher questions. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the everyday gardening questions in the community while you are solving problems. Step forward and a Master Gardener will train you and work with you until you are comfortable.

Hort Hot Line Coordinator, Linda Armstrong 920-602-0693, email: [larmstrong3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:larmstrong3@sbcglobal.net)

## Junior Master Gardener Program

The Junior Master Gardener Program (JMG) is a youth based program that teaches community youth about gardening, maintaining a garden, food safety, cooking, community service, and communications and gives them hands on experiences.

**We need the help of a few master gardeners assisting us on a regular basis:**

We are now looking for your help to assist with the programming. As a Master Gardener, you can gain volunteer hours, work with youth of many different backgrounds, and become a mentor. To find out how you can become involved, contact Patty Percy at 929-3171 to learn more about the opportunities that the Junior Master Gardeners have for you.

## Gottfried Arboretum Volunteers

### Benefits of Volunteering

The benefits of volunteering are numerous. Your hard work means that the Gottfried Arboretum will continue to be a wonderful place for area residents to recreate and learn. The Arboretum is a great place to share your talents and skills with the local community. When volunteering, you'll meet other volunteers with similar interests. Finally, volunteering at the Arboretum provides a chance to learn more about native plants and nature. Outdoor workers will appreciate the wildflowers and wildlife they'll see as they volunteer.

### Volunteer Positions

Currently, the Arboretum is seeking volunteers for the following positions:

### Arboretum Committee

The Arboretum Committee oversees the activities and maintenance of the Gottfried Arboretum. Member commit to monthly meetings, usually held on the first Wednesday of the month, at the UW Fond du Lac campus. People with good ideas, plenty of energy, and connections to the Fond du Lac community are encouraged to apply.

### Grounds Maintenance

Maintaining the prairie and formal arboretum is one of the most important volunteer jobs. Volunteers can help in one or more of the following areas:

- ❖ Invasive Weed Control—help to control invaders such as Canada Thistle, Reed Canary Grass, Queen Anne's Lace, Dame's Rocket. Pull and destroy plants or seed heads.

- ❖ Brush Cutting—cut brush in the prairie area, assisting a staff person who will apply brush killer. Haul brush to a composting area on site.
- ❖ Prairie Burn—assist with fall and spring burns in the prairie, keeping fires well under control. Some training provided for this position.
- ❖ Trash Clean up—walk the grounds with trash bags, picking up trash in both the formal arboretum and prairie areas.
- ❖ Bird Nesting Boxes—maintain the nesting boxes at the Arboretum.

### **Prairie Fest Volunteers**

Prairie Fest is an event in mid to late July that celebrates our native plants heritage at the Gottfried Arboretum. A run/walk event, performers, demonstrations and walks are a part of the event.

- ❖ Set up/Clean up—assist with event set up and/or tear down.
- ❖ Greeter—welcome attendees to Prairie Fest.
- ❖ Staff Tables—assist by staffing informational tables and answering questions.
- ❖ Run/Walk Event—help to plan and implement run/walk event, register participants, serve continental breakfast.
- ❖ Publicity—help to publicize the event, writing press releases for local papers, copying and hanging posters, etc.
- ❖ Prairie Fest Committee Member—serve on the organizing committee for Prairie Fest.
- ❖ Children's Area—help to coordinate children's activities and tours.

*For more information, or to sign up, contact:*

*Erika Jensen, Programs Manager*

*Phone: 920-324-5329*

*W9502 Oak Center Rd*

*Waupun, WI 53963*

*erikajen@sbcglobal.net*

### **Office Assistant**

Assistance is occasionally needed with office work for the Arboretum. Data entry, mailings, copying, and poster design are some of the possible tasks.

### **Outreach Volunteers**

The Gottfried Arboretum would like to improve its visibility in the Fond du Lac area. We seek skilled volunteers for the following tasks:

- ❖ **NEW!** Trails Signage—work with staff members to develop educational signage for the Arboretum Trail, including species ID for trees and shrubs, signs for the picnic shelter, and plant community signs.
- ❖ Powerpoint presentations—working with staff members and events photographer, develop a powerpoint presentation to use for fundraising efforts.
- ❖ Events Photographer—Assist at Prairie Fest and volunteer days by photographing Arboretum activities and volunteers. Develop photos and scan into computer if possible.
- ❖ Class Teacher/Prairie Walks—Educate the local community about the Arboretum and the value of native plants. Work with local community groups, schools, and area homeowners. Work with staff and other outreach volunteers to develop a visual format and oral presentations.

## **Fond du Lac County Master Gardener Volunteers 2008 Report**

The UW FdL campus celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. As a major project for this occasion we were asked to help establish a new native plant garden display at the main entrance of the building on the UW Fond du Lac campus. Assistant Dean John Kiefer developed the concept and Connie Ranthum selected the native plants which consisted of 46 forbs, 6 grasses, and 1 sedge. The total cost of the project was \$5,500 funded by the campus grounds and business office department with a donation of \$500 by our MGV group. We provided the labor for planting along with assisting in preparing the soil and site for planting. We also relocated 12 bushes, 2 trees, mulched the area after planting and watered the plants with sufficient moisture. UW-FdL maintenance and administrative personnel were also involved.

Fond du Lac community gardens were established in 2000 and are coordinated by Patty Percy. Several members assist with set up and clean up of the over 6 ½ acres used by over 100 families. Rent for plots varies by size; a 20' X 20' plot is \$15.00 for the season. A 20' X 40' plot costs \$20.00. Various groups within the community use the plots for education and therapy. Among families depend on the garden to grow ethnic produce and sell at local farmers markets as well as food to eat. During the clean up in October master gardeners and Jr. Master Gardeners harvested over 550 lbs of produce that were given to the local food pantry. The master gardeners assist first-time gardeners with questions along with providing simple tools and instructions. A demonstration

plot is also available to provide information about vegetables.

This year we reorganized our membership list with a new computer database to be used by Mike Rankin, the MGV board, and any project chair/member corresponding with our MGV members. Our County Extension office maintains a MG website and Linda Armstrong produced and mailed a member newsletter along with additional information about training opportunities. Linda also emailed electronic newsletters and notices to our members throughout the year. We established a mentoring program to assist new members and answer their questions about becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer. Kathy Sabel and Kathy Erickson coordinated this effort for our 20 new members this year. New member spring training started Jan 22 for 13 weeks with 20 new members attending.

Horticulture Hotline was also expanded and improved this year. Mike Rankin worked closely with Linda Armstrong and other members to train and execute a good positive experience for our MGV Hotline volunteers. A training session was held with instructions on working with the public as well as giving accurate information. We also expanded the Hotline days to include Tues, Thurs, and Monday this year. Office hours are two-hour shifts any time from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many members provided assistance to local gardeners this year.

Fond du Lac Master Gardener Volunteers include 74 active volunteers in our association, including 55 recertified for 2008, and many additional people who work with us and take educational training from other counties. We had 71 WIMGA members this year. Mike Rankin trained 20 new members at the beginning class started in January.

In 2007-2008 fiscal year we documented the following hours: 103 hours in youth education, 159 hours in community education, 3749 hours in support services, 1728 hours of continuing education. Our 2008 annual budgeted activities includes about \$11,000 income and expenses.

On Earth Day, April 22, volunteer members helped clean up around the UW-Fond du Lac campus. A free lunch was provided for the MGV members who participated.

Junior Master Gardeners have been part of our program for many years. Meetings were held at the UW center on various ways to prepare common vegetables. The group also had a fall harvest from our community gardens to

Submitted by

Lyle Mercer, Local Representative  
October 10, 2008

help the needy and stock the local food pantry. Last fall they gathered over 400 lbs of produce. A total of 55 kids were involved at various seminars/projects this summer. Several members helped with the Fond du Lac county fair and provided an educational flower display on July 15-20.

Free Spirit Sensory Garden was established in 2002 and is located east of FdL on Highway 23. Free SPIRIT Riders, Inc. provides therapy to disabled children and adults by having them ride horses with the assistance of horse handlers. An outdoor garden area is maintained by 7 master gardener volunteers with the assistance of many Wisconsin Department of Corrections minimum-security inmates. Every Wednesday throughout the spring and summer 7 to 10 individuals plant, water, weed, maintain, and improve the annual flower gardens, trees, shrubs and perennials. This year we added several containers of annuals for added color. The garden provides disabled persons and their family's areas to stimulate each of the senses including touch, taste, smell, sound, sight, and humor. A butterfly area is located on the west end and a bird sanctuary is found on the east side. The FdL master gardeners fund an annual budget of over \$1000. For more information go to [www.FreeSpiritRiders.org](http://www.FreeSpiritRiders.org)

This was the second year the Day in the Garden educational program was co-sponsored with Calumet County this year. Members from both groups contributed to the success of this year's seminar. Speakers for the day were: Jeff Epping, Dr. Robert Tomesh and Dr. Mark Renz. Topics included Rose Gardens, Raspberry harvest, Garden inspirations, Invasive species, and Fruit tree grafting. The 88 participants also enjoyed a buffet lunch included with the seminar fee.

Members assisted with Prairie Fest held on July 26 at the UW FdL Campus. Erika Jensen and Connie Ramthum gave tours of the prairie. FdL MGV provides an annual donation of \$1000 to continue the development and maintenance of the UW campus prairie and arboretum.

Our 2008 plant sale included both annuals and perennials this year. It was held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the UW FdL campus in the art building. This is our major fundraiser for us and achieved net sales of over \$4000.

Cindy Risvold arranged Master Gardener Educational Bus tours this year. Three trips were: Green Bay area on June 17<sup>th</sup>, Milwaukee area on July 29, and Madison area on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Many members attended all three educational trips.

## 2009 Plant Sale - Saturday, May 16 - 9am to 3pm

The profits from our Plant Sale fund community projects in Fond du Lac County. We need your help to make it a success. This year we will be located in the UW Commons.

Plant Sale set-up is Friday, May 15.

Bring plants Friday, after 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM and Saturday from 7:30 AM until 9:00 AM.

Volunteers are needed to check labels, price, and arrange plants.

We need several people to pick up plants on set-up day, Friday, May 15.

Maintenance will open doors by 7:30 on Saturday for plant delivery.

Volunteers will again be needed to accept plants, check labels, price, and arrange plants.

We will again purchase a variety of annuals.

Pre-order your annuals for your project or home to insure your purchase.

There will be several cashier tables and volunteers will be needed to staff them.

Master Gardener Association owns carts for transporting plants. Since these carts are not to leave

Co-Chairs:

Jane Gamble, Gary McCaughtry

## Fond du Lac County Master Gardener Volunteer Educational Assistance Grant Criteria

The Educational Assistance Grant Program was created to encourage participation in the Fond du Lac County Master Gardener Volunteer Association activities and promote continuing education.

### Requirements for Certified Master Gardeners:

1. Paid State and Local dues for 2009 by Nov. 1, 2008
2. Completed and turned in 10 hours of continuing education by Oct. 1, 2008
3. Completed and turned in 24 hours of volunteer time by Oct. 1, 2008
4. Attended at least 2 Association meetings in 2008

### Required Volunteer Hours for grant qualifying events:

24 hours - 1 event

the building unattended, we will need volunteers to load vehicles and return carts.

Volunteers are needed for the clean up at the end of the sale.

We will not accept donations of invasive plants such as - Purple Loosestrife, Dames Rockets, Queen Anne's Lace, Chicory, Honeysuckle, Lady Bells

There will be a meeting for planning this year's Plant Sale after the regular MG Meeting on Tuesday March 10 (about 11:00 AM). If you cannot attend and are interested in helping, please call Gary at 920-251-5303 or Jane at 920-753-3505 or email at janegary@charter.net.

We will also be looking for volunteers to assist in plant digs, potting etc. If you would like to have plants dug at your property, please let us know ASAP and we will schedule, at your convenience, as soon as the weather permits. We will try to schedule digs and potting on weekdays and weekends to allow as many volunteers as possible to attend. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

More specific information and contacts will be sent out after the March meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you on March 10 or hearing from anyone unable to attend the meeting. THINK SPRING!

50 hours - 2 events  
100 hours - 3 events  
150 hours - 4 events  
200 hours - 5 events

### Qualifying events include:

Day in the Garden (\$15)  
Bus trips sponsored by Master Gardener Associations (\$25)  
Master Gardener State Convention (\$25)  
Master Gardener Fall Training (\$25)  
Other events approved by the Board (\$25)

If you wish to request qualifying grant monies please contact Diane Soffa, Treasurer (920) 922-1323



**INDIVIDUAL WI MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER  
SERVICE HOURS & CONTINUING EDUCATION  
YEARLY RECORD SHEET**

Use the other side of this form to record your Master Gardener volunteer activities and C.E. hours. *Keep a copy for your files*, then turn in hours quarterly to the recordkeeper listed.

- Intern MGVs** – record volunteer hours for initial certification. Additional Continuing Education hours are **NOT** required the first year (but you can record them anyway) . A minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service are required.
- MGVs recertifying** – record both volunteer and continuing education hours. A minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education are required annually.
- Certified MGVs taking additional training courses** – record both volunteer and continuing education hours. To determine the number of volunteer hours required, check with the Extension Agent sponsoring your class. These same hours can be used to complete the annual recertification requirement of 24 volunteer and 10 CE hours.
- MGVs inactive for 5 or more years** – record volunteer and continuing education hours. A minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service and 20 hours CE are required. Recertification for the next year returns to 10 hours CE.
- Out-of-State MG seeking WI certification** – contact your local Extension agent or the MG Program Office for guidelines.

All volunteer projects and C.E. should be for UW-Extension sponsored programs or projects or community or civic group projects or programs, and should be approved by the local sponsoring UW-Extension Agent. **Travel time** based on the time a MGV leaves home until returning home, minus personal errands, and **preparation and research time** on projects or programs can be included in volunteer service hours. (Travel time to CE programs **cannot be counted**.)

<b>Record volunteer hours by the following categories:</b>		
<b>Youth Education (Youth Ed)</b> – volunteer hours dedicated to youth education i.e. 4-H projects & activities, county fair, youth clubs & organizations, school classroom presentations, etc.		
<b>Community Education (Comm. Ed)</b> – volunteer hours dedicated to adult/community education i.e. recycling, water quality & environmental displays & presentations, Farmer’s Market, Gardenline, trips or tours for the public, group presentations, writing articles for newspapers, newsletters or websites, etc.		
<b>Support Services</b> – volunteer hours dedicated to service projects i.e. community beautification, water quality and environmental projects, community committees, and research projects. Also coordinating MG activities, newsletters, or UW-Ext. office projects, meetings by officers, committees and board members of local MG associations and the WIMGA and local MG meetings, <u>but only</u> for portions of meetings dedicated to planning or working on Extension approved programs or projects.		
<b>Continuing Education (CE)</b> – education hours from attending programs offered by:		
<input type="checkbox"/> UW-Extension..... Brown Bag MG Monthly programs Weekly summer Hort Update programs Advanced Hort programs Public Radio Show hosting Ext. Specialists	Satellite programs Materials from UW-Media Collection WIMGA Annual Conference Regional MG Conference	Research Station Field days International MG Conference Other Ext. programs Other states’ Ext. programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Groups or businesses that focus on horticulture topics or leadership skill development, such as ..... Master Gardeners                      Tech Schools                      Guided Garden Tours Garden Centers                          Universities or Colleges              WI Gardener on Public TV Botanical Gardens                      Trade Shows                          WI DNR or other state agencies		
<b>NOTE:</b> While gardening books, unapproved television programs, the Internet and self guided garden tours are encouraged, they <b>DO NOT QUALIFY</b> for Continuing Education recertification hours. The quality of this information is variable and difficult to evaluate. The WI Gardener and other selected TV programs approved by the local sponsoring UW-Extension Agent <b>DO</b> qualify.		

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