

JUNEAU COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS

An Overview

Juneau County Master Gardener Volunteers officially became the 45th member of the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association in 2006 – (WIMGA). The WIMGA was formed in 1992 by Master Gardeners from around the State as a result of a state-wide meeting held in Stevens Point. The mission of the WIMGA is to support and provide leadership to individuals and local organizations in their mission to assist University of Wisconsin Extension community horticultural programs through volunteerism, education and environmental stewardship. There are many local Master Gardener Associations that belong to the WIMGA – see the “Local Associations” section of the website for more information on these. The WIMGA website is: <http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/>.

The original Extension Master Gardener Program was created in Washington State as a way to help Extensions handle all the horticulture questions being asked by the public. In exchange for educational training by UW-Extension, Master Gardener Volunteers return volunteer hours to the UW-Extension for horticulture outreach.

Juneau County Master Gardener Volunteer Activities

Juneau County UW-Extension Hort E-Mails	Open to everyone E-mail Craig at: craig.saxe@ces.uwex.edu to join the list
Juneau County Master Gardener Volunteer Meetings	Everyone is welcome; Meeting notices are printed in the Master Gardener Newsletter – which may be found at: www.juneau.uwex.edu/hort
Juneau County Master Gardener Volunteer Membership	Open to everyone-Annual Membership Dues are \$12 - Includes a monthly mailed Newsletter (April-December)
WIMGA Membership	Certified Master Gardeners receive this membership with local dues, includes a bi-monthly mailed newsletter, Others may join by paying \$5 annual dues to the WIMGA Treasurer by January 15. Contact information at: www.hort.wisc.wisc.edu/mastergardener
Master Gardener Volunteer Training	Open to everyone, but is required for Master Gardener Certification-Offered January through April (even numbered years) in Juneau County
Volunteer your time to help your community through Juneau County Master Gardener Volunteers	Everyone is welcome, but a Certified Master Gardener Volunteer must oversee the project
Juneau County Master Gardener Executive Board	By-laws state that officers must be (or soon to be) a Certified Master Gardener Volunteer

Master Gardener Volunteer Certification

- A. Becoming a Certified Master Gardener Volunteer Means:
 1. 36 hours of training
 2. 24 hours of Volunteer Service
 3. 70% or better on a written exam
- B. Maintaining Master Gardener Certification Means:
 1. 10 hours of professional development each year
 2. 24 hours of volunteer service each year