

Plan of Work 2009-2010

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Rotary Botanical Gardens

Rotary Botanical Gardens Programming

Garden interpretation
Tour guide training
Holiday Light Show committee
www.rotarygardens.org, webmaster
Grapevine, editor

Rotary Botanical Gardens will be a regional source of garden related information and enjoyment for visitors, volunteers and members.

Master Gardener Volunteer Programming

General MGV training (60+ hours)
Advanced MGV training (24+ hours)
Spring Symposium (6+ hours)
Thursday Evenings at the Gardens (24+ hours)
Misc. Extension events and trainings (other counties)
Rock Prairie Association support

Master Gardener volunteers will be trained, certified, and empowered to serve and educate other community members in the matter of the environment and horticulture.

Consumer Programming

RBG plant clinic & diagnostic services
Press releases and radio
Thursday Evenings at the Gardens (24+ hours)

Residents of Rock County and visitors to the Gardens will have access to unbiased, research based resources in order to make sound decisions in regards to horticulture related topics.

Youth Programming

First grade education program facilitation
Third grade education program facilitation
Summer garden club program facilitation (in conjunction with Nut. Education)
Lil' Grumpy Day camp facilitation (in conjunction with Nut. Education, Family Living, 4-H)
Early release garden program facilitation (in conjunction with 4-H)

Youth will learn gardening techniques, plant identification, environmental awareness, physical activity and healthy nutrition.

Community Garden Programming

Rock County Jail Garden Program
Rock County Farm Community Garden support
Misc. Community Garden support

Community gardens will be developed and supported with emphasis on at-risk and underserved populations. Food security will be addressed as well as therapeutic horticulture techniques.

Commercial Horticulture Programming

As needed consulting with area green industry professionals
Participate in select industry field days
Fall workshop (in conjunction with Walworth Co. UWEX)

Regional professionals will have access to unbiased, research based information and continuing education in order to make sound decisions in regards to their horticultural related business.

Research

Plant trials

In conjunction with ongoing gardening activities, this educator will evaluate and compare selected plant varieties.

UW-Extension

Horticulture team co-leadership
WIMGA education committee
WPT education committee

Professional Development

Arboriculture (ISA, WAA, DNR)
Turfgrass (School of Turfgrass Mngt.)
Vegetable / fruit (UW, UWEX)
Horticulture therapy (AHTA)
Community gardens (ACGA)
Botanical gardens (APGA, RBG-Kew: Botanic Garden Education)
Leadership (Wi Rural Leadership Development)