

## What is the Master Gardener Volunteer Program?

From its beginning, the Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteer program has excelled as a premier community service-learning program connecting America's foremost past-time - gardening - with volunteer opportunities in our area. Volunteers are trained to aid University of Wisconsin Extension staff by helping people in the community to better understand horticulture and their environment. Any adult interested in gardening can participate in the Master Gardener Volunteer training – no previous experience or training is required. Acceptance is contingent on passing a criminal background check.

Students will receive 36 hours of training. In return, students are expected to volunteer a minimum of 24 hours of their time assisting with community projects related to horticulture, gardening, or nutrition annually and stay current by attending 10 hours of continuing education each year.

### Volunteer opportunities are endless:

- County and community fairs
- Public libraries
- Horticultural workshops and talks
- Farmer's markets
- Collecting research data
- Answering telephone inquiries
- Writing newspaper gardening articles
- Volunteering at the Extension Office
- Youth groups such as 4-H, FFA, Scouts, etc.
- Other horticultural projects



*Increase your horticulture skills and volunteer to help your community*

## UW-Extension

# Master Gardener Volunteer Training



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Many Master Gardener Volunteers enthusiastically volunteer their time beyond the required minimum numbers of hours. Last year alone, the North Country MGV volunteered over 1,800 hours of horticulture related community service.

UW-Extension provides equal opportunity in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA requirements. If you have any special needs or require special accommodations, please call the Spooner Area UW-Extension Office at 715-635-3506 as early as possible preceding the scheduled program, service or activity.



# 2017 Master Gardener Volunteer Training

**Dates:** Tuesdays for 13 weeks beginning March 7, 2017 through May 30, 2017

**Time:** 6:00 – 9:00 PM

**Location:** Spooner Agricultural Research Station, W6646 Highway 70, Spooner, WI 54801

**Registration Fee:** \$125 per person or \$200 for two people willing to share printed materials.

Each week a different horticulture subject will be explored including: Annual, Perennial and Native Plants, Houseplants, Landscape Design, Fruit and Vegetables, Weeds, Wildlife, Soils, Insects, Plant Diseases and Low Input Lawn Care. The final weekly schedule will be provided on the first night of training.

Participants will learn from a wide range of instructors from University of Wisconsin, UW-Extension, local experts and through on-line materials. A computer with Internet capability is recommended but not required. Individuals without a connection to the Internet will need to make arrangements with their local library or contact the UW-Extension Office for other alternatives.

To successfully complete the training, you will need to attend most of the training sessions, pass a final examination, and fulfill your community service commitment. Class size is limited, so register early. Paid registration should be received by February 15, 2017.



**For more information contact:** Kevin Schoessow, Agricultural Development Agent, 715-635-3506 or [kevin.schoessow@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:kevin.schoessow@ces.uwex.edu); or Sue Reinardy, UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, 715-462-3361 or [sreinardy@centurytel.net](mailto:sreinardy@centurytel.net).



## Some 2016 North Country Master Gardener highlights

The Spooner Agricultural Research Station Teaching and Display Garden is designed, maintained and used for an outdoor classroom with the help and guidance of volunteers.

MGVs host a Mini Master Gardener Short Course for youth and their families each year. School gardens through the region benefit from the Master Gardener Volunteers who design, maintain and teach in the gardens.

Local parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and municipalities in our three county area have Master Gardener volunteers who assist with maintaining plantings and habitat.

**Learn more about the North Country Master Gardener Volunteers at [www.northcountrymgv.org](http://www.northcountrymgv.org).**

# Registration

Pre-registration is required

Registration deadline is February 15, 2017

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Name as you would like it to appear on you name tag

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City, State Zip

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Phone

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Email

The Master Gardener program is first and foremost a volunteer organization. You will be expected to volunteer a minimum of 24 hours of garden-related community service within a year as a requirement of this program.

(check) I understand and agree to this volunteer requirement

## **\$125 registration fee (or \$200 for two)**

Payment must accompany registration. Please make check payable to UW-Extension. Enclose with above registration form, training application, behavior expectations form and background check form (forms available online at [www.northcountrymgv.org/training](http://www.northcountrymgv.org/training) or call the UW-Extension Office at 715-635-3506.) Mail to:

Spooner Area UW-Extension  
Master Gardener Volunteer Registration  
W6646 Highway 70  
Spooner, WI 54801