

Becoming a certified Master Gardener Volunteer

In Wisconsin, the Master Gardener training is facilitated through county UW-Extension offices. Training may include a mixture of classroom instruction, online learning activities, at-home reading, hands-on activities and field trips.

Anyone 18 years old or older can be a Master Gardener Volunteer, and no previous experience is required. Being a Master Gardener Volunteer isn't all about plants. It's also about working with people such as youth, the elderly, and differently abled folks.

Certification requirements are (over the course of one year):

- A minimum of 36 hours of training
- Achieve a score of 70% or better on the final exam
- Complete 24 hours of approved garden-related volunteer service

Annual recertification is submitted each year and requires:

- 10 hours of continuing education
- 24 hours of approved volunteer service



Let us Introduce Ourselves!

The **North Country Master Gardener Volunteers** (NCMGV) is an association comprised of members from Burnett, Sawyer and Washburn. Our mission is to provide University-based research and information in agriculture, horticulture and natural resources for county residents. Our volunteers participate in youth and community education, support services and continuing education.

North Country Master Gardener Volunteers Meet at 5:00 PM on the 4th Thursday of the month from March through October at:

*Spoooner Agricultural Research Station
W6646 Hwy 70
Spoooner, WI 54801*



For more information:

715-635-3506 or 800-528-1914

Online at www.northcountrymgv.org/



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The Spooner Agricultural Research Station Teaching and Display Garden is a newly-certified Monarch Waystation

Volunteer Opportunities Abound

Want to become a gardening superstar and contribute to your community? As a Master Gardener Volunteer, you'll do this, build social networks, and acquire valuable, real-world skills.

Teaching & Display Garden

Open to the public for self-guided tours during daylight hours, seven days a week, mid-May through mid-September.

There are many educational events throughout the growing season at the gardens:

- Twilight Garden Tour each August that highlights the garden at its peak. Features UW specialists.
- Meet Me in the Garden seminars feature specific topics several times during the growing season.
- Special seminars happen throughout the season on such topics as grape pruning and perennial care.

Master Gardener Volunteers help the people of Wisconsin better understand horticulture and the environment. Between 1999 and 2013, more than 15,000 people have been trained in the state. That translates to 2.2 million hours of volunteerism.

School Gardens

Along with assisting teachers with in-class instruction and organizing activities in the school garden, Master Gardener Volunteers help coordi-

nate the use of school garden produce in school lunches and needy families.

Education

Master Gardener Volunteers make numerous presentations to area groups and at the Spooner Teaching & Display Garden. "Meet Me in the Garden" is a popular series that brings in many community members.

Volunteers also contribute articles to the biannual newsletter that is sent to local gardeners.

Community Projects & Impacts

Work in tandem with UW-Extension staff and other volunteers to make a difference in places you live, learn and work.

Volunteer in your community by participating in local projects. Master Gardener Volunteers have provided their assistance at local community beautification and other special projects.

It's not about knowing everything about gardening. It's about learning to ask the right questions and knowing

how to look up information from appropriate resources. Being a Master Gardener Volunteer is about helping deliver meaningful community programs to improve the well-being of individuals and communities, to protect natural resources, and to help keep fresh fruits and vegetables on the table.



Learn more about our Monarch and Pollinator Sanctuary (MAPS) certified Monarch Waystation.

Visit www.monarchwatch.org



The University of Wisconsin Spooner Agricultural Research Station Teaching & Display Garden is one of only seven All America Selections (AAS) display gardens in Wisconsin. The Garden is a multiple national award winner in the AAS annual landscape design contest due to the efforts of the North Country Master Gardener Volunteer Association.

This garden is a joint effort between the Spooner Agricultural Research Station, operated by the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Extension and UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteers.