

North Country Master Gardener Volunteer Association



2016 Member Handbook

**University of Wisconsin Extension
Master Gardener Volunteer Program**

*Providing university-based research and information in agriculture,
horticulture and natural resources for the residents of Burnett, Sawyer
and Washburn Counties.*

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NCMGV Association Greetings

March 2016

Greetings Gardeners,

What's new for 2016?

- North Country Master Gardener Volunteers Association has its own website. Check it out at: www.northcountryMGV.org
- The theme for 2016 in the Spooner Research Station Teaching and Display Garden is "Pollinator Education". The All American Selection Design competition also has this as their theme. The Meet Me in the Garden Series will focus on topics supporting this theme.
- The Teaching and Display Garden is gearing up to become a Monarch Way Station. New plantings will support beneficial insects providing food for each stage of their life cycle.

We hope you can join in on all the activities during this new season.

Regards,
Russ Parker
President

2015 Annual Accomplishment Reports

North Country Master Gardener Volunteers

Submitted by Kevin Schoessow, Area Ag Development Agent
Burnett, Washburn and Sawyer Counties

For the complete County reports go to:

<http://www.northcountrymgv.org/>

Statistical information

We currently have 24 active MGVs in our group. In 2015 we volunteered 136 hours in youth education, 144 hours in community education, and 1,525 hours in support services.

Our membership includes a very active and diverse group of volunteers working on a wide range of projects in communities across Burnett, Sawyer and Washburn Counties. While our official group meetings are in Spooner, we have several satellite groups in Hayward, Winter, Webster and Siren that are active in their communities. In addition to our monthly meetings and various educational events members stay connected through email, the *North Country Gardeners* newsletter, and Facebook.

The theme for the 2015 Accomplishment Report Projects was how MGVs contribute to Wisconsin food security.

For Burnett County:

- **Gardens Around Historic Site Provide Education**
MGVs maintain several gardens at Fort Folle Avoine Historic Park, a County-owned facility located near Webster, that features native plants, heirloom vegetables, herbs, perennials, and cut flowers. These gardens and other perennial landscape plantings around the historic buildings provide a wonderful educational experience for local and out-of-town visitors.
- **Introducing Kids to Growing and Eating Veggies**
MGVs guided students at the Webster Elementary School Garden in lessons on gardening to last a life time. Last spring K-4 classes took turns planting seeds and cutting up potatoes to plant. During summer school some of the early vegetables were used

for lunches. This fall potatoes were dug up—it was like a scavenger hunt. Then the nutritionist baked them for the whole school to try. Students have been introduced to vegetables that they've never tried before and have been inspired to start gardens at home.

- **Farmer's Market Educates Consumers**

Burnett County Farmer's Markets (BCFM) – a community organization of local farmers that provides access to fresh, locally grown produce – began in Siren in 2007. Since that time MGVs have been invited to serve four additional market locations. Samples are provided at the Siren market to pique customer interest and to provide new ideas for seasonal foods. Since BCFM is a licensed WIC organization and authorized vendors accept WIC vouchers, many lower-income residents are getting useful information on how to prepare more nutritious foods for their families.

For Sawyer County:

- **Kids Learn About Gardening**

Bloom'n Kids School and Community Garden is located next to the Hayward Primary and Intermediate school grounds. The outdoor classroom focuses on hands-on horticulture instruction for K-4 grades. MGVs and other community members assist teachers with instruction and take leadership in organizing activities in the garden. Produce from the garden is served in school and donated to needy families.

- **Vegetable Transplants for Veterans**

To help engage military veterans and their families in gardening, MGVs partnered with the Veterans Service Offices in Burnett, Sawyer, Washburn, and Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Ojibwa Tribe. Donations of vegetable transplants were made to the Sawyer County Veterans and LCO College Farm so they could grow their own food. In the past few years we have received many thanks and appreciation from veterans who received these gifts and even received a few follow-up pictures and cards.

- **Senior Center Grows Vegetables**

When the Hayward Area Senior Center created a greenspace and patio area, MGVs donated funds for raised beds and benches and

other needed improvements to make the space more functional. This garden area allows visitors an opportunity to help grow vegetables that are used in meals served at the facility. It is also used for respite care for individuals who are normally housebound. MGVs also assisted with training programs at the center on topics such as “Small Space Gardening” and “Horticulture Therapy”.

For Washburn County:

- **Third Graders Learn About Gardening**

The Spooner Elementary School Helping Hands Garden is maintained by third-grade students with guidance from MGVs. They started peppers, tomatoes, and squash from seed beginning in April and later planted the garden. The flower beds were designed by the third-graders. New this year were a bean pole tepee, cucumber and squash trellis, recycled tin can chains, colored lathes and labels.

- **Mini-MG Short Course Educates Youth, Families**

Twenty-four youths and 16 adults participated in two sessions of our Mini-Master Gardener Short Course held at a local greenhouse and the Spooner Ag Research Station. They explored the secrets of soil, incredible edibles, seeds, sprouts and shoots, paper pots, and tomato transplants. The second session introduced them to hot and healthy composting, weeds, waste free watering, going vertical with pole beans and cucumbers, and small space gardens.

- **Award-Winning Display Garden**

The 3,000 square foot Spooner Agriculture Research Station Teaching and Display Garden is designed and maintained with the help of volunteers. During the growing season the garden hosts many training events and has visitors from schools, garden clubs, and residents of the area. Featured in the garden this year was organic vegetables, All American Selections annual flowers, and a perennial display. The garden won national first-place recognition for the “Down on the Farm” theme in 2014 from the All American Selections Landscape Garden Design Contest and in 2015 place second with a geometric theme. Over 1,000 pounds of vegetables were donated to local food shelves and to school nutrition programs.



2016 Schedule of Events

All events are at the Spooner Research Station unless otherwise noted.

See the NCMGV website for more events and details at:

<http://www.northcountrymgv.org/>

NCMGV Monthly Meetings (4th Thursday), 5:00 pm

- January 26 (Tuesday) 1:00 pm Season Planning
- February 25 – 1:00 pm Season Planning
- March 24 – seed starting, planning
- April 28 – plans for garden and plant sale
- May 26 – educational topic
- June 23 – To Be Determined
- July 28 – planning for Twilight Garden Tour
- August 25—critique Twilight Garden Tour
- September 22 – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
- October 27 - celebrate successes and potluck dinner

New Ventures Garden Seminar

March 19, 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., at Northwood School, N14463 Hwy 53, Minong, WI with registration and vendor sales beginning at 8:45 a.m. Pre-registration is required. More information about the seminar, vending or exhibiting can be learned from (preferably) Julie Hustvet, gardenseminar@centurylink.net, or from Northwood School, 715.466.2297.

Mini-Master Gardener Short Course

- April 2, 9:00-Noon, Bashaw Valley Farm and Greenhouse, Shell Lake

Pruning and Grafting Workshops

- April 14 Apple Pruning Workshop at Jeff and Sue Burch, 3-5pm (Sponsored by Burch's and UW-Extension)
- April 14 Apple Grafting Workshop at Spooner Ag Station, 6:30-8:30 pm (Sponsored by UW-Extension)
- April 23 Grape Pruning Workshop at Spooner Ag Station, 1:00-3:30pm (Sponsored by UW-Extension)

NCMGV Plant Sale – Saturday, May 21, 8:00 -11:00 (or when sold out)

2016 Schedule of Events

Spooner Research Garden Activities

- Group tours available on request, call 715-635-3506
- Volunteer Schedule – see page 22 for details
- Apple Grafting Workshop – April 14 6:30-8:30pm
- Grape Pruning Workshop - April 23 1:00-3:30pm
- Meet Me in the Garden Series: June 14 @ 6pm, July 12 @ 6pm, September 10 @ 10AM
- **Twilight Garden Tour** – August 16, 4:00 to Twilight

WIMGA 2016 State Conference & Midwest Regional MG Conference

The State and Midwest Regional MG Conference will be held jointly September 14-17, 2016 at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells
Information and Registration:
<https://midwestmgconference.wordpress.com/>

*A comprehensive schedule of events throughout the state
and region can be found on the WIMGA webpage at:
<http://wimastergardener.org>*

March 2016

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- March 19, **New Ventures Garden Seminar**, Northwood School, Minong, see registration details on page 9
- March 24 @ 5:00pm **NCMGV Meeting**: Seed Starting, 2015 planning

Notes:

(For all events determine availability of room with SARS Office calendar.)

April 2016

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- April 2 – **Mini-MG Short Course** at Bashaw Valley Greenhouse, 9:00-Noon
- April 14 – **Apple Pruning Workshop** at Jeff and Sue Burch's, 3:00-5:00pm (sponsored by the Burch's and UW-Extension)
- April 14-**Apple Grafting Workshop** at Spooner Ag Stations, 6:30-8:30 pm
- April 20 – **Deadline for May Newsletter** articles to be submitted to Julie Hustvet mastergardenvol@centurylink.net
- April 23—**Grape Pruning Workshop** at Spooner Ag Station 1:00-3:30pm
- April 28 @ 5:00pm, **NCMGV Meeting**: Discuss plans for Plant Sale and Demonstration Garden

Notes:

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May 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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- May 1 – Publicity Press Release for Plant Sale
- May 14 **Hunt Hill Prairie Fling**, 9 am-3:00pm (Sponsored by Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary) www.hunthill.org
- May 21, 8:00-12:00 **NCMGV Plant Sale**
- May 26 @ 5:00pm, **NCMGV Meeting**: educational topic
- **AAS Planting**: Dependent on plant delivery & weather
- May 31 – Publicity Press Release for June 14 Meet Me in the Garden

Notes:

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June 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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- 1st week of June (Dates TBD), **AAS Garden planting** contingent on weather and receipt of plants from UW-Madison (Sharon Tarras)
- June 4, 11:00-3:00pm, Spooner Fairgrounds, **Washburn County Family Festival**
- June 14 **Meet Me In The Garden** @ 6:00 PM “Native Plants for Birds, Bees, and Butterflies” (Sue Reinardy)
- June 23 @ 5:00pm, **NCMGV Meeting:** planning for Twilight Tour
- June 27 – Publicity Press Release for July 12 Meet Me in the Garden

Notes:

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July 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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- July 12 **Meet Me in The Garden @ 6PM** “Becoming a Natural Gardener” (Sue Reinardy)
- July 20, **Deadline for articles** for August edition of NCMGV Newsletter submit articles to Julie Hustvet
mastergardenervol@centurylink.net
- July 28 @ 5:00pm, **NCMGV Meeting:** planning for Twilight Tour

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August 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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- August 1 – Publicity Press Release for Twilight Tour
- August 16 4:00 to Twilight, Spooner Demonstration Garden – **Twilight Garden Tour**
- August 25 @ 5:00pm , **NCMGV Meeting:** Critique Twilight Tour
- August 29 – Publicity Press Release for September 10 Meet Me in the Garden

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September 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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- September 10, 10:00 AM – **Meet Me in the Garden** “Monarch Way Station and the Season in Review ” (Sue Reinardy)
- Sept 14-17, **Wisconsin State and Midwest Regional MG Conference**, Wisconsin Dells
- September 22 @ 5:00pm, **NCMGV Meeting**: Annual Meeting with election of officers

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October 2016

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- October 1 – **Volunteer Hours due** to Kevin Schoessow
- October 27, **NCMGV Meeting and Potluck:** Celebrate successes of the year and recognition
- October (TBD), **SARS garden clean-up** and winter preparation

Notes:
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Spooner Agriculture Research Station Teaching and Display Garden

<http://spooner.ars.wisc.edu/demonstration-garden/>
W6646 Hwy 70, Spooner WI 54801
715-635-3735
spooner@cals.wisc.edu

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



The Teaching & Display Garden is a joint effort between the Spooner Agriculture Research Station, operated by the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Science, the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension and area UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. The display garden can be found across from the Sheep Research Facility at N5264 Orchard Lane. Orchard Lane is located 1½ miles east of Spooner on Highway 70 or ½ mile west of the Hwy 70/53 interchange.

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Events at the Garden

- Apple Grafting Workshop, April 14 6:30-8:30 pm
- Grape Pruning Workshop, April 23 1:00-3:30pm
- Meet Me in the Garden lecture series:
 - June 14 @ 6:00pm “Native Plants for the Birds, Bees and Butterflies”
 - July 12 @ 6:00 pm “Becoming a Natural Gardener”
 - September 10 @ 10:00 am “Monarch Way Station and the Season in Review”
- Twilight Garden Tour – August 16 @ 4:00 PM

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Volunteering at the Garden

All are welcome to volunteer at the gardens. There is usually a list of tasks needing attention. Check the mailbox or shed.

Most volunteers gather on Monday evenings (4:00-7:00) or Tuesday mornings (8:00am to Noon) from June through August (weather permitting) to keep the gardens in top shape.

Spring planting usually takes place the first week in June. Announcements will come via email.

Fall clean-up is after the first frost, also announced by email.

Docents/presenters are needed for the events and for group tours.

Established in 1988 as a small test garden for winter hardy plants, this flourishing garden now includes nearly 1 acre of landscaped, themed vegetable gardens and displays of small fruits, grapes, and fruit trees. It is an official All America Selections Winner Display Garden that has received national award recognition.

Officers, Directors and UWEX Contacts

NCMGV Officers

President Russ Parker – Term expires 9/30/16
Vice-President Janet Mangold – Term expires 9/30/16
Secretary Deb Studley – Term expires 9/30/17
Treasurer Barb Boatman – Term expires 9/30/17

Directors

Bill Collins – Term expires 9/30/16
Terrie Strand – Term expires 9/30/16
Terri Johnson – Term expires 9/30/16

WIMGA Representative

Sue Reinardy

Committee Chairs

Teaching & Display Garden - Sharon Tarras
Member Handbook, Website, Meet Me in the Garden - Sue Reinardy
NCMGV Bi-annual Newsletter - Julie Hustvet
NCMGV Loan Library – Donna Amidon, Victoria Gee-Treft
Seed Starter - Russ Parker, Tony Webber
May Plant Sale – Russ Parker, Tony Webber, Carol Taylor
August Twilight Event – Nancy Reis
Education, Schools – Nancy Reis, Chris Weyh
Publicity – Kevin Schoessow, KD Childs
Partnerships – Janet Mangold, Tony Webber, Russ Parker, Terrie Strand, Sue Reinardy
AAS Contest Committee – Tony Webber

Kevin Schoessow
Area Agriculture Development Agent
Spooner Agriculture Research Station
W6646 Hwy 70, Spooner, WI 54801
Kevin.schoessow@ces.uwex.edu
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Fax: 715-635-6741

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Master Gardener Program Director
-responsible for all training

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Master Gardener Program Coordinator
*- responsible for everything other than training (website,
newsletter, volunteer hour records, etc.)*

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**President of the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association
(WIMGA)**

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Area/County Publications, Contacts and Deadline Info

SPOONER ADVOCATE OVERSEES THESE PUBLICATIONS
SEND INFORMATION/NEWS RELEASES/jpeg PHOTOS TO:
Julie Hustvet - jhustvet@spooneradvocate.com - 715-635-2181

1. FUN GUIDE Pub. -- Circulation 50,000
Deadline: April 1st
Distribution: May
2. WASHBURN COUNTY SOURCE Magazine -- Circulation 10,000
Deadline: July 1st
Distribution: August
3. BURNETT COUNTY ALMANAC -- Circulation 10,000
Deadline: September 1st
Distribution: November
4. WEEKENDER Pub. - Circulation/Distr. 16,000 every Friday
Contact: ads@spooneradvocate.com
Deadline: Previous Friday

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BURNETT COUNTY SENTINEL OVERSEES THESE PUBLICATIONS  
SEND INFORMATION/NEWS RELEASES/jpeg PHOTOS TO:  
Teresa - [office@burnettcountysentinel.com](mailto:office@burnettcountysentinel.com) - 715-463-2341

1. VACATIONER pub. -- Circulation 12,000  
Deadline: April 17  
Distribution: May 15
2. ZEST FOR LIVING Quarterly Pub. -- Circulation 7,000  
Deadlines: January 15, April 3, July 15, October 15  
Distribution: February, April, August, November

SPECIAL NOTE: Be sure to specify News Release is for both publications and/or also Burnett County Sentinel newspaper and include jpeg photos and description whenever possible.

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Area/County Publications, Contacts and Deadline Info

INTER-COUNTY LEADER

Email: editor@leadernewsroom.com

Attn: Gary King, Editor 715-327-4336

Copy deadline: Tuesday Noon

SAWYER COUNTY RECORD

<http://www.haywardwi.com/>

E-mail – news@sawyercountyrecord.net

715-634-4881

News Deadline – Section C – 5 p.m. Friday; Sections A & B- Noon on Monday

WASHBURN COUNTY REGISTER

Editor - Gary King editor@wcregisternewsroom.com

Phone: 715-468-2314

Email: news@wcregisternewsroom.com

Deadline: Monday Noon

WASHBURN COUNTY VISITOR GUIDE Circulation 37,000

Deadline October 15

Distribution December

Contact: washburncotour@centurytel.net

Tourism Office 715-635-9696

122 North River Street, Spooner, WI 54801

INDIANHEAD ADVERTISER Circulation 18,000

Deadline Wednesday Noon Advertisement

Ad prepaid - Determined by size - view on line

iccpaonline@centurytel.net

Distribution Weekly every Friday

Contact: Inter-County Cooperative Pub. Assoc. 715-327-4236

Member Directory

For the sole use of its members, any other use is expressly prohibited.

This list is comprised of Master Gardener Volunteers certified from 2015.

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A list is maintained to communicate via email with current or former members of the NCMGVA, or a Master Gardener Volunteer trainees or former trainees. The email address: mastergardenvolunteers@lists.wisc.edu will reach about 80 gardeners associated with NCMGVA.

If you would like to unsubscribe from this list, please email leave-mastergardenvolunteers@lists.wisc.edu with your request.



NCMGV Association By-Laws

Article I Name and Location:

North Country Master Gardener Volunteers Association
 UW-Extension Agricultural Research Station
 W6646 Hwy. 70 , Spooner, WI 54801

Article II Objectives

The goal of this organization shall be to encourage, foster, support, and promote horticulture for all residents of Burnett, Washburn, and Sawyer counties; and to promote the UW-Extension from which we are founded.

Article III Membership

Section 1. Membership in this association will be in compliance with the guidelines set by the Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association and University of Wisconsin-Extension.

Section 2. Voting Members

- a.** Certified Master Gardeners – those persons certified by UW-Extension who are in good standing. Good standing is accomplished by completing the yearly training and service required by UW-Extension for maintenance of certification as a Master Gardener as determined by the state association, and after paying dues.
- b.** Intern Master Gardeners – those persons who have completed the UW-Extension Master Gardener training program, but who have not satisfied the service requirement for certification within twelve (12) months of completion of their Master Gardener Training.

Section 3. Non-Voting Members

- a.** Inactive Master Gardeners – those persons who have been active Master Gardeners but who have not accomplished the yearly training and service required by UW-Extension as determined by the state association.
- b.** Student Master Gardeners – those persons currently taking Master Gardener training, but have not completed the training program.
 - Must work with a certified or intern MG on any MG project.
 - Must not represent themselves as a UW-Extension MG or give advice representing UW-Extension until they become intern MG's.
- c.** Associates – those persons who join during the period when MG training is not available but plan to comply with the standards set for Certified Master Gardeners at the next available training opportunity.
 - Must work with a certified or intern MG on any MG project.
 - Must not represent themselves as a UW-Extension MG or give advice representing UW-Extension until they become Intern MG's.

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d. Friends of Master Gardeners – those persons who wish to support the association from industry, business or the community, but do not plan to take MG training. Friends also include persons who take the MG training for a higher fee with the understanding that there will be no volunteer service hours required.

Article IV Volunteers and Volunteer Activities

In return for training, volunteers are obligated to donate equivalent volunteer hours within the 12-month period following training. Under UW-Extension guidelines, they will share their expertise with their community: both formally, with youth and other groups; and informally, with acquaintances, friends and relatives. Master Gardeners must meet their volunteer and continuing educational requirements to remain certified.

Each individual is responsible for keeping track of their participation records, and to turn them in for proper credit.

Some volunteer activities could include:

- Extension demonstrations and community gardens
- Extension office work
- Public libraries, displays, etc.
- Public gardens
- Horticultural workshops and talks
- Answering telephone inquiries for gardening information
- Writing newspaper and newsletter gardening articles
- Initiating or conducting horticultural projects
- Working with other community service organizations
- Working with youth groups

Article V Elected Officers

Section 1. President – It shall be the duty of the President to keep order and preside at all meetings of this association.

Section 2. Vice President – In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice President's duties include greeting new members and sending courtesy correspondence.

Section 3. Secretary – The Secretary shall record and keep minutes of all proceedings, submit the minutes from the previous meeting, and have them approved at the next meeting.

Section 4. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all funds of the association, and pay out of same on the order of the Board and/or President. The Treasurer shall make reports at each regular meeting of receipts and disbursements.

NCMGV Association By-Laws

Section 5. Directors – There shall be three elected Directors to be representatives of the Voting and Associate members on the Board of Directors. A maximum of one Associate member may be on the Board of Directors.

Article VI Board of Directors

Section 1. The membership of the Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors.

Section 2. All members of the Board of Directors are voting members.

Section 3. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of North Country Master Gardeners shall hold the same positions on the Board of Directors.

Section 4. A Quorum for the Board of Directors shall be a majority of the Board of Directors present.

Section 5. The duty of the Board of Directors is to ensure that the necessary business of the NCMGV is completed.

Section 6. At the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall present a summary of its past year's activities and its recommendations for the future.

Section 7. The number and nature of committees will be determined by the board and/or membership on an as needed basis.

Article VII Honorary Positions

Section 1. Advisor – The Advisor will answer questions, retrieve information, and facilitate projects and programs of the North Country Master Gardeners Association through UW-Extension.

Section 2. Records Keeper – The Records Keeper will gather and record Master Gardener volunteer and continuing education hours yearly for all North Country Master Gardeners and insure they are submitted for recognition to the state Master Gardener Association in December.

Article VIII Elections

Section 1. Officers will be nominated in August. A slate of officers will be nominated by the board of directors. Elections will be held at the annual meeting in September. Officers elected will begin to serve in October.

Section 2. A member shall be eligible for the elected office of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer if that person is a voting member.

Section 3. A member shall be eligible for the elected office of Director if that person is a voting or associate member.

Section 4. The term of office shall be one year for President. The Vice President shall assume the Presidency after serving as Vice President for one year. All other officers shall have two year terms not to exceed two consecutive terms.

Section 5. Vacancies in elected offices

a. An elected office shall be determined vacant if:

- An elected officer resigns his/her position in writing.

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- An elected officer accrues three (3) unexcused absences per term from board or general meetings as determined by a majority of the board members.
 - An elected officer has been removed from office by a 2/3rd majority vote of all voting members.
- b.** Vacancies in office may be filled at any monthly association meeting, provided that nominations are taken from the floor and the replacement officer is elected by a majority vote of the members present.

Article IX Meetings

Section 1. An annual meeting will be held in September of each year.

Section 2. Regular association meetings will generally be held on a monthly basis. The association year runs from October 1 through September 30.

Section 3. Each voting member will be entitled to cast one vote at any election or on any motion at these meetings. A motion or election will be passed by a majority of the voting members present. Except as specified under Article VIII, section 5a and Article XI.

Section 4. The provisions of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the membership when applicable and when not inconsistent with the by-laws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

Article X Finances

Section 1. The annual dues rate shall be determined yearly at the annual meeting by a majority vote. Dues are payable at the annual meeting in September or upon joining.

Section 2. Funds may be solicited for purposes previously approved by the Board of Directors. The Board will approve only such purposes as are not in conflict with the stated purpose of the association.

Section 3. In case of dissolution of the association, monies, assets and records will be handed over to the UW-Extension office in Spooner.

Section 4. At the end of each accounting year, the audit committee, appointed by the Board of Directors, will make an audit of the finances.

Section 5. The Association's accounting year is defined as beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of each year.

Article XI Amendments

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new by-laws adopted by a 2/3rd majority of the voting membership present at any association meeting, as long as any changes to the by-laws are presented at least one month prior to the voting.

These bylaws were initially approved in September 2001.

Revised January 2005.

Revised November 2010

Volunteer Projects

There are many ways for volunteers to contribute. This is a sampling of the various volunteer activities of NCMGV.

Teaching and Display Garden, Spooner Agriculture Station

A major volunteer activity is the Display Garden. This garden is a joint effort between the Spooner Agricultural Research Station, operated by the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Service and area UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. Its purpose is to demonstrate perennial and annual plants that are suitable for growing in zone 3. In addition, there are many perennial plantings being evaluated for winter survival and growth habit. Part of the garden is an official All-America Selections Display Garden. This AAS display is one of only seven sites found in Wisconsin. The garden was awarded first-place in 2014 and second place in 2015 for the All-American Selections national landscape design contest.

Fort Folle Avoine Historical Park MGVs maintain various raised gardens at this 80 acre historic park (owned and operated by Burnett Co., located near Danbury) that feature native plants, heirloom vegetables, herbs, perennials, and cut flowers.

School/Community Gardens Several communities have school community gardens that MGVs are directly involved with including Hayward, Winter, and Spooner, among others. Along with assisting teachers with in-class instruction and organizing activities in the garden, produce from the gardens is served in school and donated to needy families.

Food Shelves MGVs have partnered with local area food shelves. For example, the Winter Green Community Garden grows produce and offers garden space to clients to expand access to fresh produce to those in need. Food has been donated from the Spooner Teaching and Display Garden as well as other gardens where MGVs volunteer.

Educational Presentations MGVs make numerous presentations to area groups and at the Spooner Teaching and Display Garden including a summer “Meet Me in The Garden” series. Several MGVs have developed presentations and teaching notes on a variety of topics. These presentations have been given to area garden clubs, senior centers, workshops, and other community organizations.

Volunteer Projects

Twilight Garden Tour The annual Twilight Garden Tour in the Teaching and Display Garden located at the Spooner Agricultural Research Station features guest speakers, demonstrations, displays, vegetable tasting, a silent auction, and live music.

NCMGV Newsletter Twice each year a newsletter is produced with up-to-date information about horticulture subjects and area events. MGVs research and write articles for the newsletter.

Community Projects Each year there are a variety of community projects that MGVs contribute their time and resources. These include such projects as designing planters at the Spooner Veterans Cemetery, distributing seedlings to veterans, designing/maintaining planting beds at libraries, schools, and other public spaces, assisting with eradication of invasive species, 4-H and county fair activities.



**Congratulations to these
Master Garden Volunteers**

Cumulative volunteer service awards for 2015

Chris Weyh, 1000 hours

Kristie Henning, 750 hours

Dianne Maddaus, 150 hours

Volunteer Hours

Deadline for submitting volunteer hours is October 1.

The timesheets can be downloaded from: wimastergardener.org

If you do not have the required 24 hours of volunteer service or the 10 hours of continued education for the past year, that is ok. Report what hours you do have so we can give you credit for them.

When you miss a year or fall short of the required hours you are considered inactive for the coming year, and will no longer have your \$5 dues paid to the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA) or receive the WIMGA newsletter. To regain your active status (whether from last year or from years ago) all you have to do is resubmit your volunteer time sheets with the required 24 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continued education.

For those looking for continued education opportunities here are some:

- Listen to Wisconsin Public Radio's 'On Garden Talk' call in radio show. Aired live on Fridays at 11 am or rebroadcast on Saturday at 7 am. Local affiliates are 88.3 or 90.3 fm. Podcast can also be found on the WPR website.
- Watch episodes of 'The Wisconsin Gardener' produced by Wis. Public TV. Archived programs can be found at <http://wpt.org/Wisconsin-Gardener/Topics>
- Gardening with Belinda and Bobby, TV KARE channel 11 (Mpls), 8 a. m. Saturdays
- Audit Master Gardener Volunteer training sessions and educational events in the Spooner Research Station Teaching and Display Garden.
- Make plans to attend the New Ventures Garden Seminar, held at Northwood School in Minong, in March. This all day seminar is sponsored by Northwood Community Ed, Spooner Garden Club and North Country Master Gardener Volunteer Association.
- Webinars on the State MGVA website <http://wimastergardener.org/> under 'Horticulture Info' tab

"A volunteer's time is the true example of selfless giving" JRC

2016 Volunteer Hours and Continuing Education

MGV – 24 volunteer hours and 10 hours of CE

Interns – 24 volunteer hours and completion of initial training

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Online Links

North Country Master Gardener Volunteers

www.northcountrymgv.org

Spooner Agricultural Research Station Website

spooner.ars.wisc.edu/demonstration-garden/

Spooner Agricultural Research Station Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/spoonerag

Wisconsin Master Gardener Program

wimastergardener.org

