



The Master Gardener Program in Sawyer County started in 1999. Over 65 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 4 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2018. The UW-Extension Educator facilitating the MG Program is Agriculture Agent Kevin Schoessow.

Garden Demonstrates Plants for the Area

MGVs contribute significantly to the Spooner Agriculture Research Station Teaching and Display Garden. 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 ornamental edibles, All American Selections annual flowers, and a perennial display. The garden has won national awards from the All American Selections Landscape Garden Design Contest, first place in 2017. Some of the vegetables are donated to the Hayward Community Food Shelf and the Sawyer County Senior Center.

School Program Teaches Gardening

There are 120 children at the Hayward Primary School who have participated during the spring as 2nd graders and the fall as 3rd graders. They have learned as part of their curriculum about plants, soils and compost and then applied their learning in the school garden with the assistance of MGVs. Some earn Blooming Gardeners Badges by participating, taking care of the garden for a week during the summer with their parents and completing a learning summary.

Plantings Beautify Hayward

MGVs who are also part of the Hayward Garden Club have made a difference in their community with plantings at the Post Office, at a major crossroads in the center of town, at the Hayward Library, and at the Hayward Food Shelf. Perennials were provided and used by the Hayward Garden Club at the Chamber of Commerce garden bed as well as the annual plant sale. Additionally, some plants were used at the Hayward Food Shelf sign as a stand-alone project.

University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA.

The Master Gardener Program in Sawyer County

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Volunteer Service in 2017

Youth Ed	38	hours
Adult Ed	174	hours
Support	197	hours
Total	410	hours
Value*	\$9,455	

Since 2000: 6,743 hours at a value of over \$120,217

* using the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$23.06 per hour, from Independent Sector. Cumulative value based on previous annual estimates.



Where you can find activities by MGVs in Sawyer Co.

- Hayward Primary School Garden
- Sawyer County Fair
- Hayward Library Natural Area
- Hayward Library Enrichment Programs
- American Birkebeiner Crossroads Sign
- Hayward Food Shelf
- Public lands of Chippewa Flowage
- Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College

