

North Country Master Gardener Volunteer Association Committees

Seed Starting, Saving and Plant Maintenance: Performs germination tests on older seed where applicable and procures new seed from established sources. Develops a schedule for all seed starting and helps with pot cleaning, transplanting and plant maintenance; watering, fertilizing, hardening off, etc. Responsible for saving seed from selected open-pollinated plant specimens grown at the Teaching & Display Gardens to maintain varieties offered at the annual plant sale and other MG horticultural needs.

May Plant Sale: Activities includes seed starting, support form signage and publicity/marketing, preparation in advance of sale material, set up and breakdown of tables, collecting money and helping the public during the sale.

New Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program: Volunteers organize and conduct 36 hours of UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteer curriculum sessions with hands-on training, in addition to online videos. Review applications, help with class set-up and breakdown, help with making copies, managing videos, manage nametags and attendance, assist instructors and provide hands-on training.

Children and Youth Programs:

- **School Gardens:** Provide leadership and support to area schools interested in youth school gardens.
- **Mini Garden:** Half-day educational programs provided to youth.
- **Children's Garden:** Volunteers will provide sessions twice a month from mid-June to mid-August where children, ages 5 to 14 accompanied by an adult, will learn how to plant and care for a garden. Each session will include tastings and educational topics.

Signage: Members are responsible for creating, assembling and the placement of all signage within the Teaching and Display gardens and in preparation of events.

Teaching and Display Garden/AAS Committee: Participating in the design of the All American Selection Garden, Meet Me in the Garden Series, Twilight Garden Tour and other events; help plant and maintain perennial and annual beds; capture events via photos and social media.

Publicity and Marketing: Volunteers will increase the publics' awareness of the NCMGV Association and its diverse resources and draw participation to the many exciting and informative programs offered.

Communications to Public and Members: Provide input to Member Handbook, Website and NCMGV Bi-Annual Association.

Wisconsin Master Gardener Association: The local representative to the Statewide Association attends two meetings a year, participates in committees, assists in district-wide communications and provides WIMG the required information and documents.

Additional Opportunities:

- **Community Event Coordinator:** Seek out community outreach opportunities to set-up and staff information displays and provide interactive horticultural activities.
- **Speakers Bureau:** Provides volunteers to present on horticultural subject matters, which may include seminars, hands-on activities and informal/formal presentations.
- **Horticulture Inquiry Volunteer:** Assist Ag Specialist with responding to calls, emails or visits from the public regarding horticultural questions and plant health diagnostic inquiries.