

Columbia County Master Gardener Association Mission

CCMGA was founded to provide support for Master Gardener Volunteers in Columbia County to fulfill their volunteer and continuing education obligations.

Volunteers provide community service through environmental stewardship, education, and information on horticulture to residents of Columbia County and beyond.

Yearly association dues are \$15, which includes \$5 for state membership.

Why should I join CCMGA?

- Meet other people who share your interests
- Learn and share ideas about gardening and horticulture
- Receive up-to-date information, certification, continuing education, and volunteer activities
- Two newsletters:
 - ◊ Master Gardener News—CCMGA newsletter
 - ◊ WIMGA State newsletter
- Membership in the Wisconsin Master Gardener Association



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Information is also available at the state website:
<http://wimastgardener.org>

Or the local chapter website at:
<http://columbia.uwex.edu/horticulture/master-gardener/>

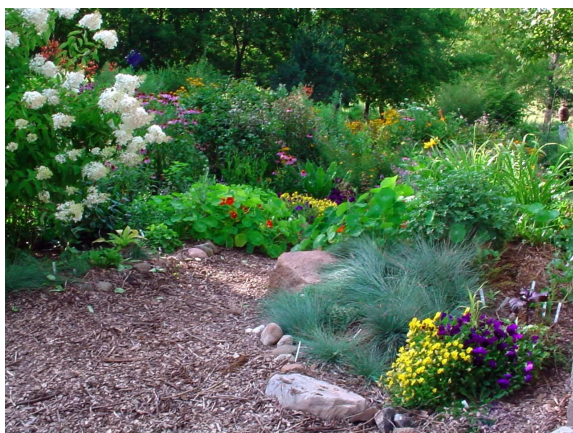
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What is the Master Gardener Volunteer Program?

The Master Gardener Volunteer Program gives vital support to the UW Extension Office by providing consumers with up-to-date, reliable, science based knowledge so they can enjoy and protect the value of horticulture and the environment around their homes and in the community.

The MGV Program is also a fun and useful volunteer network that gives its volunteers a sense of community spirit, accomplishment, and an opportunity to learn new things.



What can I do as a Master Gardener Volunteer?

- Plant, maintain, and harvest at the Community Gardens in our area
- Design, plant, and help maintain parks, gardens, and other public areas
- Organize/teach in school activities such as the micro-farm or special interest days
- Help with displays, contests, and presentations at local county fairs and home shows
- Assist with horticultural programs at the Extension Office or in local community
- Research and answer questions from the public
- Design exhibits, displays, and demonstrations
- Develop an area of interest and give talks to other groups
- Identify problem areas that need education
- Give presentations to 4-H groups and other youth organizations
- Serve as a committee member of your local MGV organization

How do I become a Master Gardener Volunteer?

To become a certified Master Gardener Volunteer you must first complete the current training session, pass a final exam, and volunteer the required number of hours within one year of training.



After the first year you can maintain your certification by completing the required number of volunteer and continuing education hours each year.

The current requirement is 24 hours of community service and 10 hours of continuing education each year.

Next training info:

- May 4th to October 26th, 2015
- 14 sessions on every other Monday with a couple of Tuesdays
- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Columbia County Annex Building
120 W Conant St, Portage
- \$125 registration fee
- Register with Joyce 608-742-9687 or joyce.dunbar@ces.uwex.edu