



The Master Gardener Program in Kenosha County started in 1994. Over 240 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 33 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2018. The UW-Extension Educator facilitating the MG Program is Horticulture Educator Jeanne Hilinske-Christensen.

Wilson School Summer Youth Program

MGVs and the horticulture educator provided gardening activities one afternoon per week for 8 to 30 children for a 5 week drop-in summer camp program at Wilson School in Kenosha. Existing raised beds were weeded, seeded, and maintained by the participants, aged 5 to 15, throughout the program. Additional activities were provided, such as creating tree rubbings, collecting and identifying insects, and creating living necklaces with bean seeds.

Harbor Market Plant Health Advisors

The outdoor Kenosha Harbor Market is held on Saturdays throughout the growing season. A group of MGVs who take on the role of Plant Health Advisors staff a booth there twice a month from late May through September. They answer, on average, 70-80 inquiries each Saturday, helping residents understand and deal with problems in their gardens and landscapes. Relevant UW-Extension publications on current pest problems are available as well as information on becoming a MG volunteer. Harbor Market attendance ranges from 7,000 to 8,000 people per Saturday.

Kenosha County Fairgrounds

Although the Kenosha County Fair only runs for 5 days in August, the fairgrounds are used for other public events, including a Sunday flea market from April through October. MGVs plant and maintain several garden areas within the boundaries of the fairgrounds. In 2017, they planned and planted a creative display in one of the main gardens using farm related and retro items as containers to fit the fair theme, “A Barn Good Time”. It was worthy of a blue ribbon!

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Volunteer Service in 2017

Youth Ed	492	hours
Adult Ed	358	hours
Support	3,183	hours
Total	4,033	hours
Value*	\$93,001	

Since 2000: 78,521 hours at a value of over \$1,466,878

* 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 Kenosha Co.

- Kenosha County Fairgrounds
- Kenosha Harbor Market
- Kemper Center
- Hospice Mediation Garden
- Horticulture Helpline (UWEX office)
- Botany in the Classroom (at Schools)
- School Gardens (Strange & Whittier)
- Kenosha Co. Center AAS Display Garden

