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## Volunteer Opportunities

Please browse the volunteer opportunities that are available to MGVs by scrolling down this page or by visiting our "Projects" page [here](#). To view our 2012 projects, click [here](#).

**"Garden Discoveries: An Educational Garden Tour."** The Outagamie County Master Gardener Volunteers host its yearly "Garden Discoveries: An Educational Garden Tour." The public is invited to tour selected gardens around the Fox Cities. Each garden offers a unique horticultural lesson and all are truly great examples of sound gardening principles and beauty. MGVs interested in helping with this project can contact [tbrinkman3@new.rr.com](mailto:tbrinkman3@new.rr.com).

### Garden Expectations Conference

The Outagamie County Master Gardener Association hosts the annual Garden Expectations Conference. Our thanks to Cathy Schwieso for capturing these photos:



### Downtown Appleton Farm Market

Volunteer opportunities exist for MGVs at the farm market in downtown Appleton (above). MGVs enjoy seeing their friends - you never know who you'll see! (Photos by Karen DesJarlais)



#### Coordinate bus trips

The OCMGA typically sponsors a summer trip to visit botanical gardens and nurseries. Why not coordinate one of the trips this year? It's a great way to accumulate service hours. Please contact Meg Hunsader if you are interested in volunteering or learning more about it.

#### The Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley

The Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley attributes its success of its annual fundraiser, the Garden Walk, in large part to the involvement of several Master Gardener volunteers, and we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your help every year.

Encouraged by the generous support we already receive from the Master Gardeners, we would like to make a request that the Master Gardeners' Board of Directors consider starting a new partnership with the Emergency Shelter.

We have recently received a donation of materials and labor for custom curbing and decorative stone for improvements in the existing landscaping on our grounds. To enhance the new landscaping, we would greatly appreciate having a Master Gardener visit the Emergency Shelter on an annual basis in spring to consult with our staff on what kind of plantings should be done or replaced, if necessary. We believe we may be able to obtain donations of plants from Fox Valley Technical College's program through Jim Beard, and we could recruit volunteers to do the actual work of planting the new plants.

The proposed partnership might also involve the Master Gardeners sharing any available information on any landscape companies or greenhouses who might be willing to donate or give discounts on plants or other landscaping supplies for the Emergency Shelter.

The Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley wishes to project a clean and professional image to the community and we believe that beautifying our grounds will help us in this regard. MGVs interested in helping with this project can call the shelter at 920-734-9192.



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## Sanctioned Projects

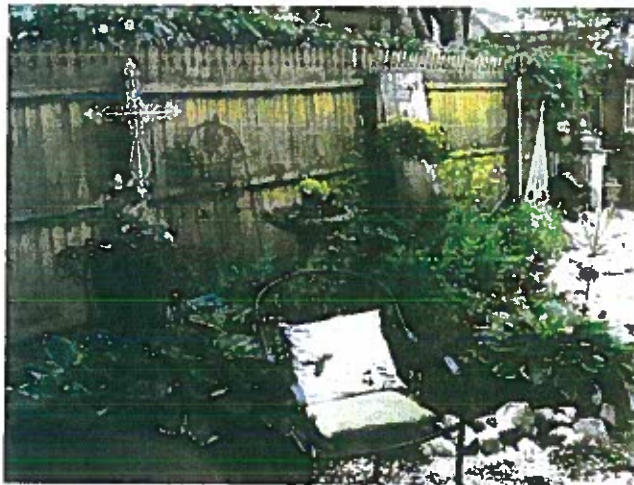
Welcome to the MGV project sanctioning page. Scroll down this page to find a list of projects in which you can volunteer. Get your project sanctioned by downloading our form [here](#).

**2012 SANCTIONED PROJECTS:** To view list, click [here](#).

### SOME OF OUR PROJECTS INCLUDE:

#### Garden Discoveries

Garden Discoveries: an educational garden tour 2011 was held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 18. Below are snapshots from the event. Read more.



Above: A garden on Lawe Street in Appleton (Peter Kins photo)

Below: A butterfly crysalis hangs on the garage wall above a planter of Gerbera Daisies at the home of Jim Beard. (Bridget Staley photo)



### OCMGV Memory Garden

In honor of the Outagamie County Master Gardeners who have passed, we developed the Memory Garden. These Master Gardeners have an engraved stone in the garden. The Memory Garden is on the UW-Extension grounds at 3365 W. Brewster St., Appleton. We add plantings each year to make the garden a place for friends and family to sit and and meditate as they remember those who helped our efforts. A small committee maintains the garden. We invite anyone who is interested in this noble cause to join us. Outagamie County Memory Garden Committee: Lynn Coffeen, Julie Buchanan and Deb Neuman



The Marigold Mile: Check out the photos below and click [here](#) to find out how you can help.





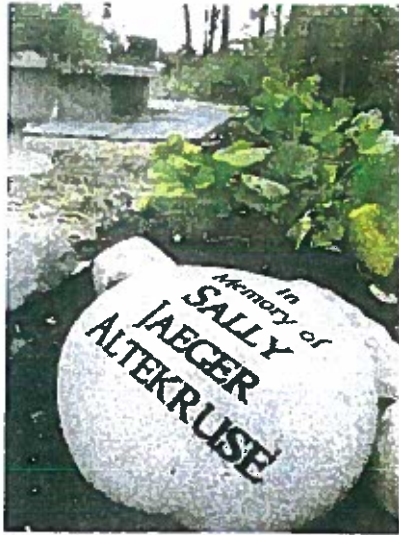
Outagamie County Master Gardener Volunteers Cassie Geiger (above) and Barb Boudry (below) pull out marigolds in fall.



#### Community Gardens Partnership

##### In Memorium - Sally Jaeger-Altekruse:

We lost one of our most ardent and loyal Master Gardener Volunteers, Sally Jaeger-Altekruse. Sally was fiercely committed to the Community Gardens project and a wonderful memory tribute has been installed there. Barb Boudry drew up the design. Barb, Ruth Frey (Winnebago County MG) and Denise VanderZanden put it together. More plants will be added as time goes on. The photos below attest to the wonderful job they did, so please visit the project at the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley, 1478 Midway Road, Menasha. Thank you, ladies, for all your hard work and thoughtfulness!



Outagamie County Fair  
Snapshots from the 2010 Outagamie County Fair in Seymour:





**Gardner Dam Boy Scout Camp**

The following photos of native plantings were taken by Michael Halron in front of Wausau Lodge.

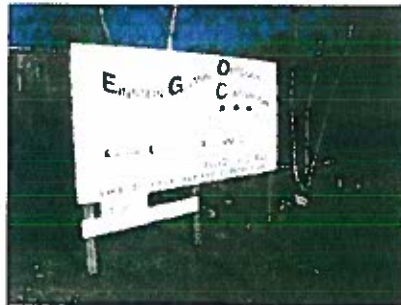






#### Outdoor Global Classroom

Our ongoing Global Outdoor Classroom is a "kid-directed" program in conjunction with the Einstein Middle School garden project. This school year we prepared an area for a savanna. We planted grasses and wildflower seeds. Check out the photos below. The kids in the third photo are clearing the pre-cut grass and raking the soil.



Mosquito Hill Nature Center: To find out how you can help, click [here](#).



#### **Wild Ones Institute for Learning and Development**

Wild Ones is a not-for-profit environmental education and advocacy organization.

Our mission is to promote environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities.

In addition to special volunteer opportunities, like manning the Wild Ones booth at the Restore on Earth Day and the working at the native plant sale, there are many ongoing volunteer opportunities:

- Weeding demonstration gardens
- Removing buckthorn
- Restoring woodland understory and overstory
- Installing birdhouses
- Recording bird and critter sightings
- Cataloging and arranging library materials

**More info:** [www.for-wild.org/eco/center/index.html](http://www.for-wild.org/eco/center/index.html)

#### **CHIP Seminar**

The purpose of this one-time educational project for the Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) Alumni Group was to share information about the growth and use of culinary herbs. CHIP focuses on using foods as grown and minimizing added salt, so the class focused on the variety of herbs available for culinary use. The class also included a tour of the Gardens of the Fox Cities, which enabled those attending to identify the herbs we were discussing.

#### **Organic Gardening Magazine Test Garden**

This is one of 10 test gardens nationwide that reports on specific varieties of annual fruits, vegetables and flowers to Organic Gardening Magazine. The object of the testing is to trial the plants against standard varieties we grow and report back on the viability, growth, habits, disease resistance, weather tolerance and taste. Check out the photo below!