2024 Project Reports

This summary does not include the hours given for committee and board meetings. Some projects there was no data available.

Lakeshore Elementary School Garden

- A six week course meeting once a week met during July and August for 1.5 hrs/week
- 25 hours planning and in garden by 3 Master Gardeners
- 3 Master Gardeners were involved
- 14 children participated in the class.

2024 Menomonie Street Project

- A new section of native shrubs and sedges was added in the spring.
- 86 hours by 4 Master Gardeners
- During August a public educational tour was held along with the Garden Club and Master Gardeners. 75 People attended.

Education - 3 Master Gardeners

- 19 Events were held throughout the year. Hosted by Education and some by Membership
- 17 had Continuing Education hours
- 644 attendees at the combined events

Membership - 5 Master Gardeners

- A game night titled "Jeopardy Trivia Master Gardener Style" that introduced the various volunteer projects available to the Master Gardeners.
- Over the summer months, the Master Gardeners and Eau Claire Garden Club collaborated and offered an "I'm Dreaming of a New Garden" tour series.
- The Committee surveyed Master Gardener members
- Assisted members with paying dues on-line.
- Planned the annual holiday party.

Ask A Master Gardener

- We had a total of 11 people volunteer throughout the summer.
- The most questions we had in one day was August 8 with 29!
- The total questions for the season were 257.

Youth Garden - Healthy Eating summer teaching program for kids from the Boys & Girls Club

- 6 Master Gardeners planted and maintained the garden and taught the kids about plants and gardening.
- There were weekly work sessions before classes began.

- Starting in June, classes were 4 mornings a week for 6 weeks. Two MGs per class
- We improved our soil, grew 60 varieties of plants (vegetables, berries, herbs & flowers), and replaced six of our nineteen raised beds.
- We taught up to 20 kids a day and reached a total of 114 different kids with our program
- 285 volunteer hours to plan, maintain, teach and renew the garden.

Beaver Creek Reserve

- 4 Master Gardeners raised seedlings for the Native Plant Sale and assist with the sale
- 160 hours

Earth Stewardship & Forest Street Bee Haven (formerly Edible Garden)

- 6 Master Gardeners involved with the Chippewa Valley Biodiversity Partnership
- 300 plus hours
- Education, Earth Day activities and Bee Haven Orchard renovation

Eau Claire Children's Museum Garden

- 3 Master Gardeners involved
- 25 hours for planning, installation and maintenance

Schlegemilch House - Planting and Maintaining at a Historical garden

• Five volunteers: 125 hours of volunteer time

Teaching Garden at Extension Office

- 4 Master Gardeners involved
- 25 hours
- in 2025 new garden beds will be created with help from WIMGA grant and 4-H

Lutheran Social Service Kitchen Garden

• 1 Master Gardener Involved for 25 hours