Master Gardener Volunteer Level One Training

Being a Master Gardener is about becoming a VOLUNTEER with the University of Wisconsin-Extension to help educate the public about gardening and natural resources. It's not about knowing everything about gardening. It's about learning to ask the right questions and knowing how to look up information from appropriate resources. Being a Master Gardener is about helping deliver meaningful community programs to improve the well-being of individuals and communities, to protect natural resources, and to help keep fresh fruits and vegetables on the table. It's about working in tandem with UW-Extension staff and other volunteers to make a difference in the places we live, learn, and work.

Become a certified Master Gardener Volunteer:

- Make a difference in your community by using gardening, plants, and education.
- Keep learning! Volunteers engage in training and continuing education on gardening- and volunteer-related topics.
- Work on volunteer projects that are meaningful to you and meet your interests.
- Help represent Extension

Training:

- Becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer begins with Level 1 Training. Level 1 training introduces you to a broad range of horticultural topics and familiarizes you with research-based information related to gardening. You'll learn how to answer gardening questions and develop skills such as motivating others to garden. Topics include but are not limited to growing fruits and vegetables, landscaping with woody plants, working in community gardens, horticultural therapy, and invasive and native plants.

Volunteering:

- Master Gardener Volunteers complete 24 hours of volunteer service every year plus 10 hours of continuing education to be certified.

Getting Started:

- If you are interested in learning more, contact Kimberly Schmidt - Extension Shawano County at 715-526-6136. Classes will be on Tuesday's, January 14th through April 7th, 2020. Class time will be from 6 to 9 pm and held at the courthouse. Class fee will be $150.