

# Tour Our Very Special Gardens



Visit some of the very special gardens in Milwaukee that are lovingly cared for by Master Gardener Volunteers of Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties.

Free tours are offered on **Sunday, June 25th (from 10 am to 2 pm)**. Enjoy — and learn from — nature's beauty. Master Gardener Volunteers will answer questions and provide University of Wisconsin research-based horticulture information.

## The tours are **FREE**

Two gardens will be open for this tour:

### **Maryland Avenue Montessori School (MAM) Milwaukee Public School.**

This school is located at the intersection of Maryland and Prospect Ave on Milwaukee's east side at 2418 N Maryland Ave, Milwaukee WI. MAM is a MPS, K3-8th Montessori grade school of approximately 320 students. MAM's mission to convert asphalt to green space started in 2005 when they installed a butterfly garden. Since then, they have removed asphalt from the front entrance, replacing it with trees, perennials and shrubs; replaced a parking lot with a 14,000 sq.ft. outdoor classroom and rain garden for students to learn about the hydrologic cycle, water quality, vegetable gardening, native plants and the birds, bugs, and crawly things they discover along the way; installed 8 raised vegetable beds, and planted hundreds of native perennials, trees and shrubs.



### **North Point Lighthouse , 2650 N Wahl Avenue, Milwaukee Wi**

The gardens surrounding this historic site which is on the National Register of Historic Places is in Milwaukee's Lake Park overlooking Lake Michigan. The gardens are seen by thousands of visitors year-round. Plantings exhibit the need to accommodate both public and private use of this facility. A small kitchen garden reflects an era when the keepers of the light planted vegetables and fruits for their families. Invasive plants have been removed from the ravines, and replaced with native plants. To address water run-off issues into Lake Michigan, a large permeable driveway was installed, and a new rain garden is now located near the north ravine to capture water run off from the lighthouse.

