**Level 1 Training** is the beginning Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV) course. It provides a broad overview of horticultural and gardening topics. Sessions meet weekly for 13 weeks each fall. To become a Certified MGV, participants complete the course and perform at least 24 hours of volunteer service on approved activities within their first year.

**Continuing Education** is available through a wide variety of courses and programs presented by UWEX as well as speakers, trips, tours and workshops sponsored by the SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners (SEWMGs).

**Level 2 Training** courses for MGVs are offered on a wide variety of topics. These courses vary in duration. They provide a more in-depth look at relevant gardening and environmental topics.

**Level 3 Training** programs may be single sessions or short courses designed to help MGVs develop additional skills.

Level 1 Training and certification are prerequisites for Level 2 & 3 courses.

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WHO IS A MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER?

Anyone interested in learning more about nurturing plants and sharing that knowledge with others through volunteer service is a good candidate to become a Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV).

Master Gardener Volunteers are trained in many aspects of horticulture by University of Wisconsin-Extension (UWEX) specialists and agents. In return for their training, MGVs assist with UWEX horticultural education programs and a wide variety of community service projects.

To become certified, MGVs must successfully complete both the training and the service requirements during their first year in the program.

To maintain certification, 24 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education must be completed annually.

MASTER GARDENER ORGANIZATIONS

SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners, Inc. (SEWMGs) is a non-profit organization which offers many service, educational, and social opportunities. It serves as a support group for the educational programs of the UW-Extension in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties.

Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA) is the organization of Master Gardener groups throughout the state. WIMGA provides MGVs with a newsletter, an annual educational conference and other programmatic support.

Annual dues of $10 provides membership in both organizations.

MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

A wide variety of volunteer activities and projects can accommodate many interests and lifestyles. Volunteer activities may include:

- Diagnosing plant problems
- Staffing educational exhibits
- Delivering presentations to community groups
- Gardening with children
- Conducting educational workshops
- Teaching through demonstration gardening projects throughout Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties.

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