The Lowell Damon House Historic Garden is located at 2107 Wauwatosa Avenue (76th St.) in Wauwatosa. This garden is a project of SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners in cooperation with the Milwaukee County Historical Society.

The Lowell Damon House was built in the 1840s and is believed to be Wauwatosa's oldest residence. By the 1880s the Damon family sold most of the surrounding land. The home and lot was given to the Milwaukee County Historical Society in 1941. It is operated as a museum, and the grounds are used by museum visitors and neighbors.

The grounds and garden had been neglected for several years when MGV.

Cheryl Rasmann received permission to bring in Master Gardeners to do some clean-up and pruning in the autumn of 2011. The group pruned shrubs and trees, cut down several large buckthorn and Tree of Heaven plants, and cleared out brush and fallen branches. In spring of 2012 the Lowell Damon House Historic Garden became an approved SEWMG garden project.

MGVs continue to work on invasive plant eradication, weed control, identifying existing plants, and restoring the garden beds using period-appropriate (1880s) plant material. We are educating neighbors and visitors to Lowell Damon House about invasive species identification and eradication and new lawn care guidelines.

Our woodland bed illustrates the wide variety of native and shade plants that can be used in shady yards.

Our herb garden demonstrates how a variety of herbs can be incorporated into an overall garden plan.

As we continue to restore the other garden beds, we plan to include information on low environmental impact/semi-organic gardening, historic and native plants in a period-appropriate garden and butterfly habitats.