

# State Extension Master Gardener Program

The Missouri Extension Master Gardener Program exemplifies an impressive integration of service, education, and community engagement throughout the state. This **2025 Annual Report** highlights the significant contributions of all Missouri chapters, which collectively dedicated tens of thousands of volunteer hours to public education, community initiatives and enhanced food security.

In 2025, Extension Master Gardeners remained committed to the program's mission of fostering horticultural knowledge through outreach, volunteer leadership, and research-based education in communities of all sizes. Their collaborative efforts in demonstration gardens, youth programs, community food systems, public events, and environmental stewardship showcase the extensive reach of Extension's initiatives across Missouri. These impacts underscore the achievements resulting from volunteer hours, illustrating the myriad ways in which Extension Master Gardeners enhance the quality of life for residents.

Throughout Missouri, chapters invested **146,268 volunteer service hours at a value of \$5,088,664**, providing horticultural education to tens of thousands of individuals while bolstering food security through significant produce donations to local food banks and organizations. Additionally, they expanded pollinator habitats, supported school and youth programs, maintained public gardens, participated in Extension outreach events, and fostered engagement through social media and local communication. These efforts, spanning urban and rural landscapes alike, reflect not only the commitment of Extension Master Gardeners but also their creativity and leadership in strengthening communities and advancing the statewide Extension Master Gardener mission of **"Helping Others Learn to Grow"**.



Dr. Juan Cabrera  
Director



Debi Kelly  
Coordinator

## State Impact

### Volunteers

Number of Volunteers — 2,125

Number of New Volunteers - 366

Number of Volunteer Hours — 146,268 (\$5,088,664 dollar value)

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 21,340

Number of Advanced Training Hours — 1,445

Pounds of Produce Donated — 24,570 pounds (\$47,767 dollar value)

### Course

Online Extension Master Gardener Course - 2 (314 participants)

Extension Master Gardener In-person Course - 16 (287 participants)

### Chapter Education

Number of Chapter-led Education Events - 333 (22,142 participants)

Number of Hotline Questions Answered - 834

Social Media Analytics (Followers) - 8,855

Social Media Analytics (Views) - 864,583



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# Adair County

## Master Gardener Program

### Local Impact

#### KIRKSVILLE MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Jennifer Schutter

Number of Volunteers — 32, 1 Emeritus Number  
of Volunteer Hours — 957

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$33,294.03  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 7  
Number of Continuing Education Hours — 407  
Number of Advanced Training Hours — 18

Pounds of Produce Donated — 873  
Value of Pounds of Produce Donated — \$1,684.89  
(\*[Feeding America](#) at \$1.93/pound)

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 2  
Number of Participants in Education Events — 65



Master Gardeners grew and donated 873 pounds of vegetables from the garden at the Pantry for Adair County.

#### Chapter Projects and Events

- The Kirksville Area Master Gardeners meeting monthly, holding a business meeting and educational program or garden tour
- They were involved in many projects throughout Adair County in 2025. These included beautification projects at the Adair County Veteran's Memorial, Brashear Park, Adair County Public Library, and daylily beds in several Kirksville parks.
- Master Gardeners grew a garden at the Pantry for Adair County garden and donated 873 pounds of produce to the pantry to distribute to clients.
- They continued their Monarch Initiative for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, by holding a plant sale in May at the Kirksville Farmers' Market, where they sold different species of milkweed and other pollinator plants, and provided educational material and answered questions about attracting monarchs and other pollinators to the garden.
- Master Gardeners assisted in folding the Garden Talk horticulture newsletter which reaches over 1,200 individuals.
- Master Gardeners assisted with work in the A.T. Still University Medicinal Garden. Plants were labeled and beds weeded and mulched.
- Master Gardeners assisted with starting and growing the All-American Selection plant seeds for the display garden at the Adair County MU Extension Center.
- They had a booth at an Earth Day Event in Kirksville, passing out information on gardening and answering questions.
- Master Gardeners attended the State Conference, where one of them was a session presenter.

## Profiles and Stories



Dr. Dan Getman provides educational information on pollinators at the Kirkville Farmers' Market.



Master Gardeners provide gardening information at an Earth Day Event in Kirkville.



Master Gardeners fold and stuff horticulture newsletters that are sent out to nearly 1,000 individuals around the state.



Master Gardeners take a tour and learn about the All-America Selection Display Garden at the Adair County MU Extension Center in Kirkville.

# Audrain County

## Master Gardener Program

### Local Impact

#### AUDRAIN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Nick Wesslak

Number of Volunteers — 9

Number of Volunteer Hours — 477

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$16,594.83

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 71.75

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 23

Number of Participants in Education Events — 1,312

#### Chapter Projects and Events

- Garden Seed Distribution at Food Bank
- Big Veggie Contest at Audrain County Fair
- Soils and Crop Conference
- Community Garden Relocation to Community Shelter
- 3 plant sales
- Civic group presentations
- Garden Club presentations
- Mexico Help Center Plant Propagation
- Community Garden volunteer work and teaching

#### Community Impact

Two big events for the Audrain County Master Gardeners were the relocation and establishment of the Community Garden at the Community Shelter and the seed distribution at the Mexico, Missouri Food Bank (Laura Miller George Help Center). The Community garden serves to help educate and feed between home individuals in Mexico, Missouri.

The seed distribution events serve to provide free garden seed to needy individuals in Audrain County and teach them how to grow a garden with the seed they are given. There was a total of 15 seed distribution events that occurred, 14 in Mexico and 1 in Vandalia, Missouri.



Audrain County Master Gardeners take a picture after a hard day's work helping the community!

# Barry County

## Master Gardener Program

### Local Impact

#### BARRY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Matthew Huchteman

Number of Volunteers — 8 Number of Volunteer Hours — 339

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$11,793.81  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 1  
Number of Continuing Education Hours — 119

Pounds of Produce Donated — 1,100  
Value of Pounds of Produce Donated - \$2,123  
(\*[Feeding America](#) at \$1.93/pound)

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 3  
Social Media Analytics — 177 Facebook followers

#### Chapter Projects and Events

- Beautification — Mater Gardeners maintained a pollinator garden at the Cassville Greenway, and beds at the Cassville Library and Roaring River State Park
- Community Gardens — Master Gardeners managed the Aurora Community Garden and the Barry County Community Garden in Cassville. Crops grown included tomatoes, peppers, parsnips, beets, green beans, squash, onions and cucumbers just to name a few. The Barry County Community Garden Yielded 1,100 pounds of produce to donate to the Cassville Panty and the Cassville Senior Center. These gardens also provided learning opportunities for Cassville FFA members and students involved with the YMCA Summer Camp program.
- Educational Workshops - Master Gardeners organized spring and fall educational workshops in Cassville. Both workshops saw over 30 attendees. Several guest speakers provided presentations on a variety of gardening topics!
- Kids Fishing Day at Roaring River- Master Gardeners set up two educational tables with MU Extension. They offered seed give aways (donated by Harvick Farms) and color sheets during the event.



# Barry County Master Gardener Program

## Profiles and Stories



Produce from the Barry County Community Garden

Barry County Master  
Gardener Fall Workshop



# Barton County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### BARTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Micah Doubledee

Number of Volunteers — 9

Number of Emeritus Volunteers — 6

Number of Volunteer Hours — 197.25

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$6,862.33

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 24

Plant Sale- \$696



Barton County Master Gardener and friends at the Barton County Master Gardener Christmas Party

### Chapter Projects and Events

The first-year Master Gardeners are expected to provide 30 hours of service and seasoned master gardeners are only expected to provide 20 hours. Continuing education an important part of volunteer service. They are expected to submit a minimum of 6 hours of continuing education each year.

In 2025, the Master Gardeners of Barton County based in Lamar, MO continued 3 volunteer projects which included maintaining two community gardens: the Demonstration garden at the Lamar City Park, the garden at the senior center and awarding the “Yard of the Month” which is selected quarterly. Master Gardeners with their friends undertake the hard work of pulling weeds, hauling mulch, moving rocks, digging in the dirt and planting. The spring annual plant sale which sells cuttings, divisions, seedlings and plants generated \$696 in 2025. The proceeds from this sale go towards the upkeep of the community gardens and help with any field trips that might take place. In the fall, Master Gardeners nominate winners for the Halloween/ fall decorating contest. Along with monthly meetings, members participate in yard tours of member’s gardens and attend group field trips to increase their education.

## Profiles and Stories

Volunteer and educational hours consist of performing volunteer work on Master Gardener projects and other activities; and attending, hosting and teaching classes related to the Master Gardener Program.



Demonstration Garden at the Lamar City Park



Barton County Master Gardener Plant Sale



Barton County Master Gardeners at the November Monthly meeting being educated by Agronomist Micah Doubledee who discussed edible root vegetables.



Lamar Senior Center Garden



The house nominated for the best Halloween decorations

**BENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS**  
Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Travis Harper

Volunteer Hours

The Benton County Master Gardeners reported a total of 43 volunteer hours for 2025 worth a total of approximately \$1,496. In addition, members completed 5.5 hours of continuing education.

Club Activities

The Benton County Master Gardeners meet monthly from March through November with an average of 5 members attending these monthly meetings. A total of 3 members are active in the club, reporting volunteer and education hours in 2025.

Projects

The Benton County Master Gardeners maintain a flower bed on the lawn of the Benton County Courthouse.

Future Plans

Due to changes that have negatively impacted the Benton County Master Gardeners, they are looking at disbanding the club in 2026.

### Local Impact

#### HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Debi Kelly

Number of Active Volunteers — 43

Number of Volunteer Hours — 2,725

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$94,803  
(\*Independent Sector at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 8

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 416

Number of Advanced Training Hours — 131

Pounds of Produce Donated — 1,392

Value of Pounds of Produce Donated — \$2,687  
(\*Feeding America at \$1.93/pound)

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 16

Number of Participants in Education Events — 4,530

Number of Hotline Questions Answered — 40

Social Media Facebook Followers — 149

Social Media Facebook Views — 25,347

MU Extension — Garden Tips Reels — 18

MU Extension Garden Tips Reel Views — 60,917

#### Chapter Projects and Events

Gardens: All American Selections Display Garden; Butterfly House and Pollinator Café; Wildflower Meadow; Boone County Extension Garden, MU Children’s Learning Garden.

Festivals and Events: Hosts of Annual Butterfly Festival; information booths at MU-hosted and community events

Service and Educational Activities

- Heart of MO Master Gardener volunteers assembled and fitted 12 metal raised beds with custom wooden frames. Beds were filled, fitted with drip irrigation and planted with over 800 All-America Selections (AAS) Winner plants grown in time for the 2025 garden season and summer events.
- Hosted 529 participants on 9 garden tours of the AAS Display Garden, Demonstration and Pollinator Gardens at Jefferson Farm. In early 2025, HMMG was 1 of 10 AAS Display Gardens in MO.
- At the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Butterfly Festival at Jefferson Farm, volunteers hosted about 780 people who visited the Butterfly House, educational booths and gardens to learn about pollinator ecosystems.
- Volunteers helped select, plant, harvest and prepare fruit from over 200 varieties of tomatoes, tomatillos and peppers for September’s Tomato Festival. They also hosted a plant sale and provided HMMG garden tours. Over 1,700 people attended.
- Hosted an information booth for 1,514 participants at the Experience Mizzou Extension Showcase, CAFNR Showcase, Mayor’s Wellness Expo, Shelter Insurance Health Fair and Columbia’s Earth Day.

Social Media Outreach

Volunteer educational activities garnered a total 86,264 views by citizens in the state through reels on 18 garden topics posted by MU Extension’s Integrated Marketing Communications Dept and through HMMG Facebook postings.

Continued Growth Opportunities for 2026

HMMG received a \$5,250 donation from Veteran’s United Foundation to support education and improvements for the Butterfly Festival



Volunteers taught children how to plant seeds in MU Children’s Learning Garden (left) and hosted an educational “horticulture therapy” booth at the Mayor’s Wellness Expo (right).

## Master Gardener Program

### Profiles and Stories



At the 8th Annual Butterfly Festival, visitors tour the butterfly house and perform hands on activities to learn about pollinator life cycles.

Volunteers helped plant tomatoes in drizzling rain for the Tomato Festival (left), and hosted garden tours at the State Extension Master Gardener Conference (right).



Heart of Missouri Master Gardener All-America Selections at Jefferson Farm and Garden.



Education of the public about growth and care of new plant varieties occurred through visits to the display gardens and through social media outlets.

# Buchanan County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### NORTHWEST MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Todd Higgins

Number of Volunteers — 44  
Number of Volunteer Hours — 1,282.35  
Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$44,612.95  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 15  
Number of Continuing Education Hours — 100  
Number of Advanced Training Hours — 25

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 8



NWMO Master Gardeners participating in an educational event.

### Chapter Projects and Events

Plant Sale — 350 participants  
Art in Bloom — 75 participants  
Tomato Fest — 125 participants  
Educational Trips to Botanical Gardens in  
Omaha, Kansas City, and Columbia — 120  
participants



NWMO Master Gardeners participating in one of their garden tour events.



Northwest Missouri Master Gardeners participate in MWSU Homecoming parade.

# Butler County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### POPLAR BLUFF MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Traven Crocker

Number of Volunteers — 12 (5 emeritus)  
Number of Volunteer Hours — 375  
Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$ 13,046.25 \*  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 4 trainees  
Number of Continuing Education Hours — 124  
Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 6  
Number of Participants in Education Events — 601

Social Media Analytics — 135 followers on  
Facebook

### Chapter Projects and Events

Ag Day in Carter County: Hands-on learning for second grade students with multiple stations. Students made bird feeders, butter, and learned about soil health. There were eighty participants.

Sierra Girls Program: Summer program for girls at Sierra Osage Treatment Center. The group learn about container gardening, parts of plants we eat, concrete leaf casting, native plants, plant identification. There were six participants.

Demonstration Garden: Maintained Popeyes Garden showcasing best gardening practices, successful plant varieties, and sustainable techniques to the public.

Butler County Exhibits and More: Two members assisted in planning and set up of the three-day event that displayed 350 exhibits of local canned goods, quilts, crafts, artwork, agronomy and horticulture crops, and other fair items. There were 100 youth entries and 65 adults.

Women's Aware Event: Two members worked the full-day gardening event for women. Approximately 350 women attended the event.

Mum Fundraiser: Successful sale and delivery of mums raised funds for chapter.



Poplar Bluff Area Extension Master Gardeners demonstration garden at Popeyes.

# Butler County pg2 Master Gardener Program

## Profiles and Stories



Master Gardeners Chris Waite and Kathy Pucci at the Women's Aware Conference.



Emeritus Master Gardeners Bruce and Sharron Beck, Chris Wait, and Traven Crocker at Popeye's Garden.



Emeritus Master Gardener Alison Clodfelter teaching the Seirra Osage Girls about dried flower arrangements.



Master Gardeners show students how to make bird feeders for Ag Day in Carter County.



Butler County Exhibits and More included floriculture, horticulture and agronomy crops, canned goods, quilts, crafts, artwork, and more.

# Cape Girardeau County Master Gardener Program

## CAPE GIRARDEAU MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator — Donna Aufdenberg



**47**

Volunteers



**1,552**

Volunteer Hours



**\$53,994**

Dollar Value\*

(\*Independent Sector at \$34.79/hour)



**13**

New Volunteers



**206**

Continuing Education Hours

### Extension Master Gardener Events

- Spring Gardening Seminar
- Plant Give-a-way at Jackson in Bloom
- Quarterly Class on Using and Cooking with Herbs (Basil and Rosemary!)
- Garden Tour for the Public

### Extension Master Gardener Projects

- All American Selection (AAS) Demonstration garden at the Extension office in Jackson
- Little Gardening Library at the Extension office in Jackson
- Seed library at Riverside Regional Library
- Shawnee Park Community Garden
- Oliver House Gardens
- Native Plantings at Jackson Pool
- Community Gardens in Cape Girardeau
- Starting Transplants for Projects and Events



New Master Gardeners 2025



Herbal Cooking Class



Hosting a Garden Tour



Jackson in Bloom



AAS Garden at Jackson Ext Office

### Local Impact

#### MASTER GARDENERS OF CASS COUNTY CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Kathi Mecham

Number of Volunteers -35  
Number of Volunteer Hours — 772  
Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$26,857.88  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of Continuing Education Hours - 91,25  
Number of Advanced Training Hours -25  
Pounds of Produce Donated — 246  
Value of Pounds of Produce Donated - \$474.78  
(\*[Feeding America](#) at \$1.93/pound)

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 7



Produce grown for the Harrisonville Food Pantry and the Peculiar Food Pantry to support local families in need.



Youth learning and enjoying



Square Foot garden at Extension office

#### Chapter Projects and Events

The Extension Demo Garden had a rejuvenation in 2025. Most of the native plants were kept and some ornamentals were added. The chapter has an annual plan and a group of excited volunteers are committed to the upkeep and maintenance of the garden. All plants are labeled with the common and botanical names.



Purple cone flower in the native garden at the Cass County Extension office. Coneflowers and other native plants help support native pollinators.



Chapter members 2024 MOMGA Chapter of the Year

# Cass County Master Gardener Program

## Profiles and Stories



This year the chapter members collaborated with 4-H Wall Street Chapter and the Extension Office Nutrition Specialist to plant a Pizza Garden. The group met every month and engaged in garden maintenance, new planting, and harvesting. Collaboration also included the Kansas City Community Gardens.

Mineral buckets donated by the University of Missouri Animal Science Department served as planting containers at the Cass County MU Extension Center. Participants cultivated a pizza garden using this setup, allowing youth to explore plant growth, food production, and sustainable gardening practices. A total of seven 4-H members actively participated in the project throughout the growing season. Their combined efforts resulted in a harvest of 96 pounds of fresh produce, which was donated to the Harrisonville Food Pantry and the Peculiar Food Pantry to support local families in need.

4H youth learned the importance of attracting pollinators to the garden. Pictured is a small garden youth planted using pollinator friendly plants.



Donation Garden at 'Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church' had an abundant harvest. Donations went to 'Heart-N-Hand' Pantry'. Volunteers were recruited from Cass County Master Gardeners as well as 'Heart-N-Hand' and the Church. Total harvest donated 150 lbs. in 2025

# Christian County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### CHRISTIAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Kelly McGowan

Number of Volunteers — 39

Number of Volunteer Hours — 2,706.76

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$94,168.18

Number of New Volunteers — 4

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 523

Number of Advanced Training Hours — 58

Pounds of Produce Donated — 218

Value of Pounds of Produce Donated - \$420.74

(\*[Feeding America](#) at \$1.93/pound)

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 24

Number of Participants in Education Events — 134

Number of Hotline Questions Answered — 20

Number of Hotline Volunteer Hours - 465

Social Media Analytics — Facebook/Instagram

Followers — 2,175, Views — 367,966

Website visits — 13,747

### Chapter Projects and Events

- Nixa: Gardens at Woodfield, Rotary Park display garden, XCentre display planter
- Ozark: Ozark Library branch display planters, Daffodil Boxes
- Sparta: Sparta Community Garden Community Impact
- OTC Foundation scholarship - helping to support 2 students' pursuit in agriculture.
- Meet me in the Library sessions, 21 different educational talks in the 3 different branches.
- 3 Public seminars, Koi Pond gardening held at Carson's Nurseries, Spring Pruning held at Gardens at Woodfield and Bee Keeping and Pollinator planting held at the XCentre.
- Sparta Community Garden, CCMG maintains a seat on the board of directors and offer advice throughout the year.
- Nixa JR school greenhouse, worked with the greenhouse director and students harvesting hundreds of lettuce plants for donation to Least of These.
- Ozark Showcase event sponsored by Ozark Chamber of Commerce. CCMG offered house plants for sale and staffed an information table for questions.
- Invited by MU Extension to participate in a NPR radio spot on growing tomatoes and a KY3 The Place TV spot on succulents.
- CCMG annual plant sale was attended by over 400 people. Offered a wide variety of plants and staffed an information table for questions.
- The Ozark Craft Fair 3-day event with over 400 contacts from our information table.



# Christian County pg2 Master Gardener Program

## Profiles and Stories



Plant Propagation class



Christian County Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale



In June 2025, the Christian County Master Gardeners proudly accepted multiple prestigious awards at the Annual Missouri Extension Master Gardener Conference. The chapter was honored with the 2024 Medium Chapter of the Year Award and the 2024 Project of the Year Award, recognizing excellence in chapter activities and outstanding project achievements. Additionally, Patty Baker received the 2024 MG of the Year Award for her exceptional contributions. These accolades highlight the Christian County Master Gardeners continued dedication to professional growth and community impact.

# Clinton County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### CLINTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Todd Higgins

Number of Volunteers - 6

Number of Volunteer Hours - 259

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours: \$9,101

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of Chapter Educational Events: 6



2025 Plant Sale — Sold Out!

### Chapter Projects and Events

- Downtown Plattsburg flower barrels.
- Flower garden at CC 4-H grounds.
- Pollinator garden at CC 4-H grounds.
- Landscaping around the CC 4-H building.
- Planting around the Welcome to Trimble sign.
- Collected milkweed pods for MDC.

Events participated in:

- Participated in the Plattsburg Chamber of Commerce table fair event. The chapter received a 3rd place trophy.
- Participated in the tree decorating contest in downtown Plattsburg.

Education events hosted:

- Apple cider processing, presented by Ray Terwilleger and Mike Dzado.
- Self-watering containers, presented by Rick Tharp.
- Worm bin composting workshop, presented by Region D Recycling.
- Fruit tree care presented, by Jane Abernathy.
- Seed starting, presented by Clara Hanks.
- Hosted a community plant swap event.



2025 Downtown Plattsburg  
flower barrels



Apple Processing Demonstration



Downtown Plattsburg flower  
barrels.

### Local Impact

#### CENTRALMISSOURI MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Dhruba Dhakal

Number of Volunteers — 285  
Number of Volunteer Hours — 4,670  
Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours — \$162,469.30  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 11  
Number of Continuing Education Hours — 615

CMMG Annual Plant Sale- 2025  
Number of people attended — 1,200  
Total volunteer hours for plant sale — 785 hours  
Total income — \$45,155.50  
Total expenses — \$19,829.16  
Net income — \$25,326.34

#### Chapter Projects and Events

- CMMG has annual plant sale on first weekend in May
- CMMG has 3 medium-sized greenhouses
- Master gardeners prepare seedlings of ornamental plants, vegetables, annual flowers, few perennial plants and hanging baskets of flowers in the greenhouses
- Other projects- butterfly garden, McKay park garden, Riverside botanical garden, Cole County Extension center garden, Missouri river regional library garden and Osage county library.

#### Impact story

Each year, the CMMG prepare plant seedlings and do a plant sale. Master gardeners volunteer many hours in the greenhouse from preparing plucks until sale and cleaning afterwards. The CMMG has three medium-sized green houses. In these greenhouses, the gardeners prepare seedlings of ornamental plants, vegetables, annual flowers, and few perennial plants. They also prepare hanging baskets of flowers inside the green house. The members also prepare perennial plants cuttings/saplings in their home garden and donate to CMMG green house and sell them. There is plant sale on first weekend in May each year in the CMMG green house, located in Jefferson City. In 2025, the CMMG spent \$19,829.16; have total income of \$45,155.50 and net profit of \$25,326.34.



CMMG members prepared vegetable seedlings in greenhouse for plant sale

### Local Impacts



CMMG members prepared flower seedlings in greenhouse for plant sale



CMMG members prepared plant seedlings in greenhouse for plant sale



A CMMG member cleaning garden at the Cole County Extension Center



A CMMG member trimming tomato seedlings in greenhouse for plant sale

# Cooper County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### BOONSLICK MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Kathi Mecham

Number of Volunteers - 18

Number of Volunteer Hours — 1,566.45

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$54,497

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of Continuing Education Hours -174.30

Number of Advanced Training Hours — 29.50



Boonslick Master Gardeners Plant Sale.  
Good opportunity to talk with others about  
becoming a Missouri Master Gardener.

### Chapter Projects and Events

#### Children's Learning Garden

54 youth signed up for the 14-week program to learn how to garden .

Week 1 — they learned how to sow seed and plant transplants into the garden.

Week 2- The kids made a replica of the three sister's garden. In the garden the kids planted more onions, gourds, radishes, flowers, cannas and elephant ears.

Week 3-The kids learned about square foot gardening. Also learned about sun requirements for different plants.

Week 4- A lesson on soil erosion.

Week 5- Cancelled because of weather

Week 6 —Composting program and youth planted more peppers, kale, cucumbers, squash and zucchini and harvested the radishes.

Week 7 — Lesson on good bug, bad bug. Also. proper watering to avoid getting leaves wet.

Week 8- Made smoothies with the blender bike and harvested lettuce, kale, mint and basil.

Week 9- Plant propagation and picked green beans.

Week 10- Herbs and spices. Harvested peppers, radishes, tomatoes, zucchini, onions and kale.

Week 11- harvested radishes, tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchinis, kale and peppers.

Week 12- biggest harvest of the season picked tomatoes, radishes, onions, kale, peppers, squash, green beans and zucchini.

Week 13- Made flower bouquets, learned how to harvest flowers and more veggie picking.

Week 14- Graduation ceremony, fun, food and of course, one last harvest.

## Profiles and Stories



Children's Learning Garden teaches youth and parents gardening basics and more.



In between the cool wet spring and the blistering hot summer, there was still plenty of produce, fun and education.



After the 14-week learning garden program, youth receive a Certificate of Achievement



Eddie Hudson, Master Gardener, shows a plant to a beginning gardener.

### Local Impact

#### **FRANKLIN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER**

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Kate McDonald

Number of Volunteers — 48

Number of Volunteer Hours — 2,580.65

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$89,780.81\*  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 8

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 438

Number of Advanced Training Hours — 6

Pounds of Produce Donated — 900

Value of Pounds of Produce Donated - \$1,737  
(\*[Feeding America](#) at \$1.93/pound)

Social Media Analytics —

Total Content Views: 15,174

Total Engagements (reactions, comments,  
shares): 741

Total Followers: 74

Total Posts: 29

#### Chapter Projects and Events

- The Demonstration Garden located in Union contains all native plants. Signs in the garden identify each of the plants. This year, the garden was designated as a Pollinator Waystation by MonarchWatch.org.
- The chapter, in tandem with gardeners within the Washington MO community, formed a steering committee & are in their 6th year of operating the Washington MO Community Garden (WMCG). The garden started as a FCMG intern project in 2019 features 12 plots for lease to the community. Plots not leased are planted with vegetables and herbs. 900 pounds of produce were donated to local food pantries.
- A Facebook page was added this year to increase community engagement.

- The Round-About by East Central College was planted and maintained, a beautification project to be enjoyed by the community.
- Our Plant Sale this year set a record with \$2,669 income. Annuals, perennials and native plants along with answering questions to help them choose the best plants for their needs.
- Chapter members judged the floral arrangements, terrariums, herb gardens, fairy gardens and pollinator gardens at the Washington Town and Country Fair.
- The Tri-County Senior Center landscape continues to be maintained by several of our members. This provides a lovely atmosphere for the senior members of our community.
- Bethel Hills is a faith-based community where adults with and without developmental disabilities live their life to the fullest. Members volunteer on a regular basis keeping the grounds and landscape beautiful. This year, they introduced hydroponic gardening which is providing some of the food supplies for the residents.
- The Campbellton School Gardening Program with 40+ students participated in the after-school gardening program.
- Our chapter awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior who will study horticulture in college.



Members pose by the Demonstration Garden sign after a morning of weeding and maintenance.

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## Master Gardener Program

### Profiles and Stories



The demonstration garden had frequent visitors this year.



Members snap a picture after a day's work at the Washington MO Community Garden.



Two volunteers judging beautiful flowers at the Washington Town and Country Fair.



A load of vegetables harvested this summer and donated from the Washington MO Community Garden.



Members enjoyed a tour of the Franklin County Country Club to look at the All-American Selection Display.



Franklin County Master Gardener Chapter's 2025 plant sale held in Washington, MO supplied beautiful plants for the community.

### Local Impact

#### MASTER GARDENERS OF GREENE COUNTY CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Kelly McGowan

Number of Volunteers — 345  
Number of Volunteer Hours — 10,504  
Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$365,434.16\*  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 37  
Number of Continuing Education Hours — 1,338  
Number of Advanced Training Hours — 112.5

Pounds of Produce Donated — 2,500  
Value of Pounds of Produce Donated - \$4,825\*  
(\*[Feeding America](#) at \$1.93/pound)

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 29  
Number of Participants in Education Events — 1,088  
Social Media Analytics —

Chapter Facebook Page - 5,767 followers;  
456,096 Views

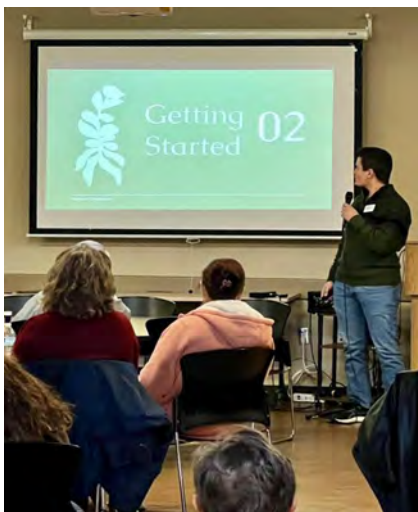
Instagram-193 followers

Ask a Missouri Master Gardeners-21,831  
followers; 1,900,002 Views

Speakers Bureau — 22 events with 1,200 attendees



The Master Gardeners of Greene County expanded approved volunteer opportunities in community gardens.



Monthly chapter meetings feature educational topics.



The Water Wise Garden is just one of two demonstration educational gardens maintained by the group.

### Local Impact

#### HICKORY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator

Ramon Arancibia

Number of Volunteers — 18 (5 emeritus volunteers)

Number of Volunteer Hours — 1,749

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$60,648\*

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 179

Number of Advanced Training Hours — 112.5

Pounds of Produce Donated — 2,742

Value of Pounds of Produce Donated - \$5,292\*

(\*[Feeding America](#) at \$1.93/pound)

#### Chapter Activities and Events

##### Plant Sale Information

2,500 plant plugs were nurtured to maturity in our greenhouse and sold along with about 100 plants from individual MG homes. Our expenses for this project totaled about \$24,34. The plant sale brought \$3,252, before expenses. Any plants not sold were used in our community projects, the \$817 profit goes directly back to the community in projects and education.

##### Pounds of Food Donated

The group-maintained gardens that allowed us to donate 2,742 pounds of produce at a value of \$5,292 to the McCarty Center for nutritious senior daily meals and home delivered meals.

##### Projects

- We maintained and improved 11 community food gardens/landscape/flower bed projects in the area. This includes adding to and maintaining a certified Monarch Butterfly Garden along with education about the plants and Monarchs.
- We participated in numerous community celebrations and gatherings offering education and encouragement about gardening. Contact information of people interested in taking live Master Gardener Training is being gathered with plans to provide live classes when we have enough people willing to participate. We have had a couple of interested people take the online course in the past year.
- HC Master Gardeners participated the new HC Extension Office open house where we had contact with, answered questions, and provided education to approximately 80 people.

# Jackson and Clay Counties

## Master Gardener Program

### Local Impact

#### MASTER GARDENERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Tamra Reall and Extension Educator Molly Baurain

Number of Active Volunteers — 260  
Number of Volunteer Hours — 12,965.43  
Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$451,067.31\*  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)  
Number of 2025 Trainees (online & in-person) — 60  
Number of Interns who completed 1<sup>st</sup> year req. — 60  
Number of Continuing Education Hours — 1,171.15  
Number of Advanced Training Hours — 264.75  
Pounds of Produce Donated — 7,629  
Value of Pounds of Produce Donated - \$14,723.19\*  
(\*[Feeding America](#) at \$1.93/pound)  
Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 48  
Number of Participants in Education Events —  
10,896  
Indirect Contacts with KCMO Libraries: 147,000  
Speakers Bureau— 33 presentations, 800  
participants  
Hotline Questions Answered — 380  
Social Media Analytics —  

- Instagram: 61 posts, 176 engagement,
- Facebook: 75 posts, 378 engagement,
- YouTube: 24,667 views, 997 watch hours

Website visits: 75,148; visitors: 27,375



18 Broadway Pantry Garden provides food for local food pantries and kitchens across the KC metropolitan area.

#### Chapter Projects and Events

##### Community Demonstration Gardens:

- Demo Vegetable Garden at Kansas City Community Gardens
- Swope Park Community Center Demonstration Garden
- Demonstration Garden at Sylvia Bailey Community Garden

##### Partnership Gardens:

- 18 Broadway Pantry Garden
- Atkins-Johnson Farm & Museum
- Blue Springs Historical Museum Garden
- Burr Oak Woods Conservation Center
- Children's Mercy Hospital Garden
- The Green Garden at REAP
- Harry S. Truman National Historic Site
- Manheim Gardens
- Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary
- John Wornall House Museum
- Watkins Woolen Mill Kitchen Garden
- Young School Community Garden at Habitat for Humanity

##### Children's Programs:

- Children's Program — Special Events
- Garden N Grow
- Urban Green Dreams

##### Communications:

- Library Displays (monthly MU Extension research plant/growing tips)
- Public Relations Table
- Website & Social Media
- MGGKC Email Newsletter
- Hotline (year-round research-based answers; (816) 833-TREE, email, in-person; seasonal operations; volunteer training)
- Speakers Bureau
- Seminars — Gardeners' Gathering
- Spring Fling

##### Video Production YouTube:

- Tuesday Tip
- Kids Ask Dr. Bug

##### Fundraising:

- Garden Tour
- MGGKC branded items

# Jackson and Clay Counties Master Gardener Program

## Profiles and Stories

### Membership & Member Engagement

- Integration Handbook
- Interactive Directory
- Caring Team
- Membership Coaching Team
- Apparel Team
- Member Mingles

### Public Events & Outreach Highlights

- Native plant academy, participation in Watkins Mill “Spring on the Farm”, hosting MGGKC Spring Fling, Atkins-Johnson Children’s Garden Day, Lakeside Bugs Extravaganza (flower anatomy activity), Butterfly & Bee Puddler Class at Blue Springs Historical Museum Garden, Big Shoal Country Fair, KCCG Beanstalk Fall Family Festival
- Library exhibits
- Farmers market education/soil sample collection
- Website traffic and social media

### Food Production

- 7,629 lbs. of produce donated to local food pantries/kitchens (from 15 demonstration/partnership gardens)



Burr Oaks  
Extension Master Gardeners sharing information about pollinators at Burr Oak Woods Nature Center.



Extension Team  
or anyone,



Video Team  
Urban Green Dreams children’s program celebrates their sweet potato harvest.

## Local Impact

### OZARK GATEWAY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Matthew Huchteman

Number of Volunteers —15

Number of Volunteer Hours — 2,051

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$71,354.29

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 1

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 169

Number of Advanced Training Hours — 0

Pounds of Produce Donated — 4,060

Value of Pounds of Produce Donated - \$7,835.80

(\*[Feeding America](#) at \$1.93/pound)



### Chapter Projects and Events

- Crosslines Ministries in Joplin — Charles Pyle, along with many other Ozark Gateway Master Gardeners, volunteers to manage the garden at Joplin Crosslines. This garden yielded 4,060 pounds of produce in 2025, all of which was donated to the Crosslines food pantry.
  - Children's Garden at Webb City Farmers Market — Nancy Beckwith, along with other Ozark Gateway Master Gardeners, offers hands on learning for children through the children's garden at the Webb City Farmers market.
  - Shoal Creek Demonstration Garden — Lee Rodriguez oversees the OGMG pollinator demonstration garden at the Shoal Creek Conservation area. This space serves to educate guests about Missouri's native plants and associated pollinators.
  - Empire Market — Debbie Fedie and Eric Osen, along with other Master Gardener volunteers, provide educational opportunities at Empire Market throughout the year. Volunteers also work to maintain a demonstration garden at the market, allowing for hands on garden education.
  - Plant Sale — The annual plant sale fundraiser was held in May at the Crosslines garden in Joplin. Many Master Gardeners volunteer to organize this event and raise plants to sell. This event allows Master Gardeners to connect with community members. The 2025 plant sale included several educational presentations on gardening topics
- Chapter Education
- Monthly Meetings — 8 out of the 11 chapter meetings in 2025 included educational presentations and / or field trips.

# Jasper County Master Gardener Program

## Profiles and Stories



Plant dig in preparation for the OGMG Plant Sale



Tommy Eaves running an information booth at the local garden center



Informational booth at the Shoal Creek Conservation Area pollinator garden



Awards ceremony at the Ozark Gateway Master Gardener's annual recognition dinner



"Goats in the Garden" event at the Empire Market Garden



Preparing the Crosslines site for the OGMG Plant Sale

# Jefferson County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
To Be Determined

Number of Volunteers — 37

Number of Volunteer Hours — 6,182

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$215,072\*

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 2

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 325

Number of Advanced Training Hours — 83

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 3

Number of Participants in Education Events — 24

The Jefferson County Master Gardener Chapter organized an advanced training on mushrooms.



A courtyard at Jefferson College in Hillsboro, one of the volunteer sites for the Jefferson County Master Gardener Chapter.

### Local Impact

#### MASTER GARDENERS OF JOHNSON COUNTY CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Kathi Mecham

Number of Volunteers - 25

Number of Volunteer Hours -839.96

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours —  
\$29,222

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of Continuing Education Hours-  
192.45



Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners at the "Twilight Farmers Market" in Warrensburg. Moonlight Markets, kick off the opening and closing days of the market.



Master Gardeners hand out information on the plants they are selling and on becoming a Missouri Master Gardener.

#### Chapter Projects and Events

Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners are involved in a diverse collection of community projects.

- Johnson County Historical Courthouse Square, Warrensburg
- Community Rose Garden, Warrensburg
- Lions Lake Micro Garden, Warrenburg
- Vest Drive Garden, Warrensburg
- Highway 50/Business 50 intersection garden, Warrensburg
- Powell Gardens, Kingsville
- Monthly gardening articles in the Warrensburg Daily Star Journal
- Personal gardening consultations
- Gardening presentations to organizations
- Youth and senior citizen gardening projects.



Chapter members visit the market one Saturday a month providing educational programs and information.



Community Rose Garden: Johnson County Master Gardeners and the Pioneer Garden Club collaborate on this local space

# Lincoln County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### LINCOLN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Coordinator  
Justin Key

Number of Volunteers — 25

Number of Volunteer Hours — 730

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$25,396.70\*  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 1

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 210

Number of Advanced Training Hours — 7

Pounds of Produce Donated — 90

Value of Pounds of Produce Donated - \$173.70\*  
(\*[Feeding America](#) at \$1.93/pound)

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 5

Number of Participants in Education Events — 65



Lincoln County Master Gardeners volunteering at the Lincoln County Health Department to educate the public on food production and grow produce to donate to unhoused individuals residing at the Lincoln County Health Department shelter.

### Chapter Projects and Events

- Troy Historic Area Native Planting Beds
- Woods Fort Historic Area Native Planting Beds
- Lincoln County Health Center Community Garden
- Terrarium Class
- The Lincoln County Master Gardeners established 2 demonstration gardens in downtown Troy where they utilize native plantings to educate the public on environmentally friendly gardening practices. The EMGs promote their work-days on Facebook and encourage community members to stop by and learn about native plants.
- The LCMG's volunteer time at the community garden at the Lincoln County Health Department where they educate community members on best practices for production of food crops. Produce grown at the site is donated to the health department where a center for the unhoused is located.
- Lincoln County Master Gardeners hosted a terrarium planting class at the Extension center in Troy.



Lincoln County Master Gardeners hosting a terrarium class at the Extension Center to educate community members on the science and fun of indoor gardening.

# Macon and Shelby Counties Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### MACON-SHELBY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener  
Jennifer Schutter

Number of Volunteers — 14 (11 from Macon, 3 from Shelby); 2 trainees and 1 Emeritus

Number of Volunteer Hours — 883

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$30,719.57  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 2

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 177.5

Number of Advanced Training Hours — 3

Pounds of Produce Donated — 48

Value of Pounds of Produce Donated - \$92.64\*  
(\*[Feeding America](#) at \$1.93/pound)

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 1

Number of Participants in Education Events 49



A volunteer works in a flower bed in front of the Macon Post Office.

### Chapter Projects and Events

- The chapter maintains garden beds at Samaritan Hospital, Long Branch Lake Visitor Center, Macon Post Office, Loch Haven Nursing Home and Macon Health Care Center.
- Volunteers taught children to plant and care for flowers as part of the Macon Library Summer Reading Program, Color Our World.
- The chapter held a plant sale at the Clarence Homecoming, their first sale for many years. From proceeds, they granted \$100 scholarships to their trainees.
- Members attended the International Master Gardener Conference, the Missouri State Master Gardener Conference, the Garden's Palette in Quincy, IL, and other classes throughout the year. A Shelby County member served as secretary of the Missouri Master Gardener Association (MOMGA) for four years and will assume the role of treasurer in January 2026.
- The Macon City Council proclaimed October 14, 2025, as "Macon-Shelby Master Gardeners' Day". The proclamation stated, "Decades of service, leadership, and community enrichment exemplify the very best of civic dedication. We are fortunate to have such an organization deeply rooted in our community...." A letter of commendation from the Honorable Senator Cindy O'Laughlin states, "This outstanding chapter has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the mission of the University of Missouri Extension's Master Gardener program....Their leadership, community engagement, and commitment to excellence reflect the best of what volunteer service in Missouri represents."



Macon-Shelby Master Gardeners accept a Proclamation from the Mayor of Macon recognizing October 14, 2025, as Macon-Shelby Master Gardeners Day.

# McDonald County

## Master Gardener Program

### Local Impact

#### HILL'N HOLLOW MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Matthew Huchteman

Number of Volunteers — 7

Number of Volunteer Hours — 62

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$2,156.98

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 1

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 9

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 9

Number of Participants in Education Events — 257



Hill 'n' Hollow Master Gardeners at the Master Gardeners of the Ozarks Fall Workshop in Reed Springs, MO.

#### Chapter Projects and Events

- Demonstration Garden at the Newton County Extension Office — Serves as an educational resource, exhibiting proper management of fruits, vegetables, herbs and ornamentals.
- Beautification - Master Gardeners volunteer their time to maintain several plantings in Newton and McDonald counties including the Anderson Ball Park flower beds, Pineville Log Cabin landscaping, Pineville Green Park landscaping, and the courtyard at Oak Pointe Senior Living Center
- Plant Sale - Members raise and donate plants to generate funds through the Hill n Hollow Master Gardener Plant sale each spring.
- Educational Booths - Hill n' Hollow Master Gardeners set up educational booths at events including Prairie Days and the Neosho National Fish Hatchery Open House.
- Farmers Market - Master Gardeners set up at the Neosho Farmers Market once a month from May through September to offer educational resources and children's gardening classes. This activity generated nearly 250 direct contacts.
- Classes - Master Gardeners offered a spring class on growing elderberries for 10 attendees



Tami Prewitt running the Master Gardener educational booth.



Master Gardners selling plants at the Neosho Farmers Market

# Miller and Camden Counties Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### LAKE AREA MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Rudra Baral

Number of Volunteers — 39

Number of Volunteer Hours — 574

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$19,969.46

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 7

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 120.65

Number of Advanced Training Hours — 4.5

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 12

Number of Participants in Education Events — 13

### Chapter Projects and Events

- Local Garden Projects - Ongoing maintenance and development of LAMG garden locations
- Spring Planting Initiative - Spring planting at two Central Bank locations in the Lake Area
- Farmers Market Participation - Eldon Farmers Market (May 2025) and various community markets
- Community Festival Presence - Multiple festival booths:
  - Westlake Aquatic Center 25th Anniversary Celebration (Laurie, MO)
  - Osage Beach Fall Festival
  - Camden County Historical Museum Fall Apple Butter Festival
  - Sales of plants and garden gloves to support LAMG School.

### Impact Stories:

In 2025, fifteen Lake Area Master Gardeners served Miller and Camden Counties through local gardens, public events, and educational programs. The group hosted a Garden Festival on May 3 at Faithbridge Church featuring presentations on bluebirds, cactus propagation, and monarchs, along with plant sales and a Miller County Soil and Water Conservation District tree seedling giveaway. Monthly educational meetings (February-November) covered topics including roses, mushroom production, soil improvement, and sustainable gardening practices. A September field trip to Happy Hallow Farm introduced volunteers to organic vegetable production and community-supported agriculture models. Three scholarships supported School of the Osage graduates pursuing agricultural and environmental science degrees. Volunteers raised funds through plant sales at festivals and contributed their expertise at community farmers markets and environmental partnership events.



Garden Festival hosted by LAMG at Faithbridge Church on May 3, 2025.



Happy Hallow Farm Field Trip (September 2025)

## **OZARK PRAIRIE MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER**

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator

Joni Harper

Number of Volunteers — 43

Number of Volunteer Hours — 1581.25

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$55,011.69

Number of New Volunteers — 2

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 150.75

Number of Advanced Training Hours — 18

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 11

### **Chapter Projects and Events**

- The chapter held several major public events, such as our annual plant sale and the Morgan County Fair. The individual contacts by members to advise and train the residents of Morgan County on gardening and horticultural subjects .
- During the year we had 9 regular chapter meetings and numerous educational special meetings on topics such as Ozark Geology, Orchids, Soil Amendments, Bee Keeping.
- In March we also had a grape vine care & pruning festival at the Dale Hollow Winery.
- In September, we held the Annual Ozark Prairie Master Gardener Field Day at Britton Farm. There were 13 speakers on various horticulture and natural topics. The presentations were given at 13 different stations with each presentation lasting 45 minutes with the attendees given 15 minutes in between for participants to rotate from one to another.
- The only fund-raising activity was the Plant Sale that was held at the Morgan County Fairgrounds, Lackey Home Economics Building in April. At the sale we offered flowers, vegetable plants, perennials, trees and shrubs.
- The Yard of the Month Program in Versailles continued to be very popular. From April thru October members of OPMG choose small, medium, large and business yards of the month. The owners are pictured in front of their homes published in the Versailles Leader Statesman. Since starting the program in 2005 there has been a noticeable improvement in the landscaping in Versailles. We often hear of neighbors “competing” with each other in the attempt to be recognized as the yard of the month.
- The community garden at the Versailles Methodist Church provided an abundance of fresh produce free for the taking in the community. The pollinator garden was double in size. Because of its’ size and the types of plants it qualifies for the Missouri Monarch Societies, Monarch Weigh Station designation.
- In November we hosted the annual MOMGA meeting.
- OPMG continues to participate at the Morgan County Fair by having members on the Fair Board, Fair Committee and taking charge of operating the Home Economics Department at the fair.

### PERRY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator – Donna Aufdenberg



**31**  
Volunteers




**1,116**  
Volunteer Hours



**\$38,825.64**  
Dollar Value\*



**9**  
New Volunteers



**245**  
Cont. Ed Hours

(\*Independent Sector at \$34.79/hour)

#### Extension Master Gardener Events

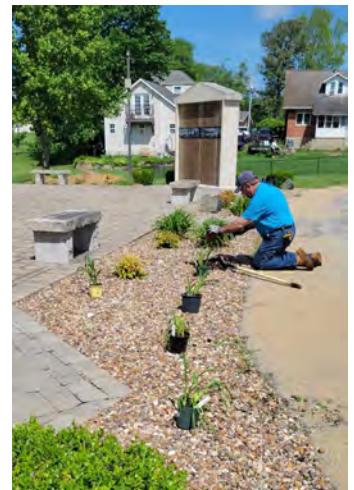
Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 2  
Number of Participants in Education Events — 310

Extension Master Gardener Events

- Spring Gardening Seminar
- Plant Sale

#### Extension Master Gardener Projects

- Native Plantings at Higher Education Center
- Military Museum landscape maintenance
- Seed Library at Perryville's Riverside Library



Plantings at the Military Museum in Perryville



Native Planting at the Perry Higher Ed Center



Workday with the Natives!

Seed Library at Riverside Regional Library - FREE Seeds!



# Pettis County

## Master Gardener Program

### Local Impact

#### SHOW ME MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Kathi Mecham

Number of Volunteers - 29

Number of Volunteer Hours -1,047.25

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours -\$36,434

Number of Continuing Education Hours- 114.70

Number of Advanced Training Hours- 37.75

Number of Chapter-led Education Events- 43

Number of Hotline Questions Answered - 36



Little Sprouts at the Market Youth Program



Youth enjoying the bee observation hive and how honey is extracted.

#### Chapter Projects and Events

- The Pettis County Show-Me Master Gardener chapter manned a question & answer booth during the Ag-Expo in February. They held 12 classes were held on Planting Trees, Pruning, Blueberries, Bog Gardening and Butterflies.
- Every Saturday, for six hours, March thru May, the chapter set up and ran a question & answer booth at Sutherlands' Spring Early bird sales event.
- Volunteers provided gardening tips and answers at a booth during the Sedalia Area Farmers Market, where approximately 200 contacts were made.
- The chapter set up and ran the question & answer booth at the Missouri State Fair. Over 9,500 sheets of information were handed out.
- One volunteer gave 9 educational programs at the Home Ec. Building on the Consumer Showcase stage during the Missouri State Fair.
- The chapter maintained three gardens this year; Katy Depot, Liberty Statue at the Pettis County Courthouse and the Doughboy also at the Pettis County Courthouse.
- Little Sprouts at the Market is for youth at the market and their parents. The programs taught about pollinators and the effects that they have on plants and the food we eat.
- The youth made seed bombs to take home and throw out for pollinators. They learned that there are several types of pollinators, even those that fly at night, like the Luna Moth. Most did not know that even the Hummingbird is an often-overlooked pollinator.
- Most enjoyable was the bee observation hive that was provided by a local Beekeepers. The youth learned how honey is extracted.



At the 2025 MO Master Gardener Annual Conference, Show-Me Master Gardeners Chapter was awarded the 2024 Project of the Year for a medium chapter category.

### Local Impact

#### **PHELPS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER**

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Dhruba Dakal

Number of Volunteers — 35

Number of Volunteer Hours — 727 hours

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 93

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$25,292.33

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

#### **Chapter Projects and Events**

- Growing green event- focused on care and planting process of native plant seedlings
- Spring plant sale
- Community gardens in Rolla
- Main street planters
- Rolla public library garden
- Phelps Health Hospital garden

### Local Impact

#### PLATTE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Todd Higgins

Number of Volunteers —46

Number of Volunteer Hours —4,372.6

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours -\$152,122.75\*

(\*Independent Sector at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers —13

Number of Continuing Education Hours —351

Number of Advanced Training Hours — 11.25

Pounds of Produce Donated —500

Value of Pounds of Produce Donated -\$965.00\*

(\*Feeding America at \$1.93/pound)

Number of Chapter-led Education Events —19

Number of Participants in Education Events —  
1,284

Number of Hotline Questions Answered —18

#### Chapter Projects and Events

- Tree pruning workshop at YMCA Platte County Community Center South
- Tree pruning demonstration at Platte County Community Garden
- Prairie Point Elementary STEAM Night Demonstration Booths
- Plant a pollinator plant and take it home
- Using Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR) to affect plant production.
- Building Raised Garden Bed Demonstration at Platte Community Garden
- Plant & Grow Seed Potatoes Workshop at Platte Community Garden
- EMGPC Information Display at Mid Continent Library Platte City Branch
- Soil Testing Workshop at Platte Community Garden
- Plant & Grow Roses Workshop at Platte Community Garden
- EMGPC Information Display at Mid Continent Library Parkville Branch

- Four (4) EMGPC members hosted tours of their garden
- Each provided detailed discussion of design, use of plants including natives, successes, failures and lessons learned.
- EMGPC First Annual Spring Plant Sale at Leased Platte City Greenhouse
- Plant & Grow Tomatoes Workshop at Platte Community Garden
- National Extension Leadership Development Conference Tour of EMGPC Greenhouse
- EMGPC Fall Native Plant Sale at Platte City Greenhouse
- Tour of EMGPC Platte City Greenhouse for Interns of EMG training
- Cold Stratifying Native Seeds Workshop at EMGPC Greenhouse Platte City
- Training for EMGPC & 4-H volunteers & planting native plants at the Kansas City Northern Miniature Railroad
- Plant & Grow Garlic Workshop at Platte Community Garden
- Cold Stratifying Native Seeds in Milk Jugs Workshop at EMGPC Greenhouse
- EMGPC Conducts Design Team Kickoff for KCNRR, KCMO Parks cooperative partnership to transition 3-5 acres of mixed grasses and invasives to native plants for pollinators at MCPL Greenhills Branch



# Platte County Master Gardener Program

## Profiles and Stories



October 2024 EMGPC with support from the Platte County Extension Council leased a 60'x30' greenhouse from Northland Career Center. Four months of extensive cleaning and repairs were needed before the first of 3,000 seeds were planted producing vegetables, herbs, annuals, natives and exotics that were sold at the first annual spring plant sale. In addition to fundraising support the greenhouse is a year-round educational location with more programs being added in the future.





# Pulaski County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### **PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER**

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Dhruba Dhakal

Number of Volunteers — 17

Number of Volunteer Hours — 68 hours

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 28

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$2,365.72

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

# Ralls County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### GROOVY GARDENERS OF RALLS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Nick Wesslak

Number of Volunteers — 16

Number of Volunteer Hours — 525

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$18,268.43  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 2

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 75

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 6

Number of Participants in Education Events — 135

### Chapter Projects and Events

- Ralls County Elementary Butterfly Education Garden
- Army Corps of Engineer Mark Twain Lake Native Planting Garden
- Ralls County High School Demonstration Garden
- The Ralls County Master Gardeners educated elementary students at the annual First Grade Garden Day on native plants, insects and horticultural practices on three stages. Students received gardening books from the chapter.



The Ralls County Master Gardeners utilize the planting of natives and ornamentals at the Mark Twain Dam as an educational event for FFA students and as an educational demonstration garden for the thousands of visitors that visit the Mark Twain Lake Dam Educational Center.

# Randolph County

## Master Gardener Program

### Local Impact

#### MAGIC CITY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Jennifer Schutter

Number of Volunteers – 14

Number of Volunteer Hours – 1,520

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$52,880.80

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers – 5

Number of Continuing Education Hours – 474

Number of Advanced Training Hours – 3

Number of Chapter-led Education Events – 3

Number of Participants in Education Events – 88



Participants learned plant propagation techniques during the Master Gardener course held during spring 2025.

#### Chapter Activities and Events

- Ten individuals completed the Master Gardener course held in Moberly, at the Randolph County MU Extension Center, February through May 2025.
- Master Gardeners were involved in many projects throughout the year. Members held their Annual Spring Plant Sale in May at Rothwell Park, and a booth at Junk Junction in September, where they sold plants, provided horticultural advice, and answered questions about MU Extension and the Master Gardener program.
- The chapter provided a grant to an Eagle Scout for his project at the Moberly Grow-a-Garden, building and installing a compost station with 3 bins and signage about how to use it.
- Each month, the chapter had a table display at Little Dixie Public Library, providing free literature and a monthly gardening tip sheet.
- The chapter's main project is the garden beds in Rothwell Park near the Magic City Mini Train area. In 2025, they started the renovation of the Maze garden area, adding four trees and several shrubs. The goals are to reduce maintenance required, to increase the overall look of the gardens and to provide horticultural information. They purchased a label maker to create plant tags.
- Educational tours in 2025 included: Medicinal Herb Farm near Huntsville, Lake Country Gardens near Perry, MU Tomato Festival in Columbia, All American Selection Garden at the Adair County MU Extension Center and the home garden and landscape of Kirksville Master Gardener.

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## Master Gardener Program

### Profiles and Stories



Master Gardeners learned about the All-America Selections plants in the display garden at the Adair County Extension Center.



Master Gardeners discuss Christmas Plants during an educational program at the Candy Cane Lane Event in Moberly.



Master Gardeners held their annual plant sale in May at Rothwell Park in Moberly. They provided gardening and MU Extension information to the public.

# St. Charles County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### ST. CHARLES COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Eli Isele

Number of Volunteers — 246  
Number of Volunteer Hours — 14,903  
Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$518,475.37  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 68  
Number of Continuing Education Hours — 1,604  
Number of Advanced Training Hours — 269.75

Pounds of Produce Donated -2,202  
Value of Pounds of Produce Donated - \$4,249.86  
(\*[Feeding America](#) at \$1.93/pound)

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 10  
Number of Participants in Education Events — 9+  
Number of Hotline Questions Answered — 340



Master Gardeners before plant sale opening

### Chapter Projects and Events

#### Plant Sale

St. Charles County Master Gardeners had another successful plant sale in 2025. Cool season plants were sold March 14-16. The public sale was April 26-27. A large portion of these volunteer hours go to getting everything ready for the plants sales.

#### Classes

- Three “In the Garden” classes, with 84 attendees.
- Milk Jug Planting Class, with 20 attendees.
- Tool Sharpening Class, with 14 Attendees.
- St. Charles Farmer Market exhibits
- Tables at other events.
- Speaker Bureau gave 5 presentations in 2025.
- Chapter tour to the Danforth Center Farm.
- Great speakers at our monthly meetings to help with member education.



One volunteer was awarded the 2024 Master Gardener of the Year at the 2025 Master Gardener Conference. It was for dedication to the Master Gardeners and his work with the Boys and Girls Club of O'Fallon.

# St. Charles County pg 2

## Master Gardener Program

### Profiles and Stories



St. Charles Farmers Market



Milk Jug Planting Class



National Garden Clubs Local Plant Show



Our New Herb Beds in Garden

# St. Francois County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact 2025

### **PARKLAND MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER**

(Volunteers from St. Francois, Washington and Iron Counties)

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Katie Kammler

Number of Volunteers — 10

Number of Volunteer Hours — 126.5

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$4,400.94\*  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 35.75



Garden Symposium participants listening to keynote speaker.

### **Chapter Projects and Events**

Cultivating Knowledge: Parkland Master Gardeners Inspire Growth Through Annual Garden Symposium

Each year, the Parkland Master Gardeners bring together gardening enthusiasts and experts for their highly anticipated Garden Symposium. This event offers a rich variety of horticulture topics, taught by seasoned professionals who share practical tips, innovative techniques, and research-based insights.

The symposium isn't just about learning—it's about building a community of passionate gardeners who leave empowered to create thriving landscapes and sustainable gardens. By fostering education and connection, the Parkland Master Gardeners are planting the seeds of knowledge that continue to grow long after the event ends.



Parkland Master Gardeners learn how to make wreaths at the local Christmas tree farm.

# St. Louis County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

**St. Louis Master Gardener Chapter**  
Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Eliza Pessereau

Number of Volunteers — 240  
Number of Volunteer Hours — 55,990  
Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$2,115,862\*  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 61  
Number of Continuing Education Hours — 9,199

Number of Social Media posts — 111

In November, Eliza Pessereau, Field Specialist in Horticulture for St. Louis City and County, became the new Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator.

Due to this change in leadership, some of the information from 2025 activities could not be captured for this report.



Gardeners post weekly garden tips on their popular Instagram (@stlmastergardener), which has 5,132 followers.



Master Gardeners listen to presentations at the Annual Meeting at the Missouri Botanical Garden in February.

# Ste. Genevieve County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact 2025

### STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Katie Kammler

Number of Volunteers — 12  
Number of Volunteer Hours — 340.25  
Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$11,837.30\*  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 12  
Number of Continuing Education Hours — 30.5



Master Gardener trainees collaborating to diagnose plant problems using class knowledge.



New Master Gardener trainees.

### Chapter Projects and Events

Growing Beauty: How Ste. Genevieve Master Gardeners Turn Blooms into Community Pride

Every year, the Ste. Genevieve County Master Gardeners host their much-anticipated Garden Walk and Plant Sale in the heart of historic Ste. Genevieve. This beloved event draws garden enthusiasts from near and far to explore stunning landscapes and take-home unique plants.

But the impact goes far beyond the event itself. Proceeds from the Garden Walk and plant sale fund local beautification grants, helping transform public spaces throughout Ste. Genevieve into vibrant, welcoming areas for all to enjoy. Thanks to the dedication of the Master Gardeners and the support of the community, these efforts continue to make Ste. Genevieve bloom—one garden at a time.



Ste. Genevieve Garden Walk and Plant Sale

# Stone and Taney Counties Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### MASTER GARDENERS OF THE OZARKS CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Tim Schnakenberg

Number of Volunteers — 109 (67 in Stone  
County, 35 in Taney County, 3 in Barry  
County, 2 in Christian County, 2 in Arkansas)

Number of Volunteer Hours — 4,521

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$157,285\*  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 14

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 890

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 29

Number of Participants Education Events — 865



Grounds at the Corps of Engineers Project Office  
maintained by the Master Gardeners.



The June Master Gardener meeting at Branson West  
where scholarship recipients were recognized.

### Chapter Projects and Events

- 39 Emeritus members have served at least ten years and are active in the program. Three have at least twenty years of active service. Eight were honored this year for ten years of service.
- Internal Grants - The internal grant program funded eight special projects. The chapter's grant committee allocated \$5,020 for 8 different projects. Funds for projects originated from local educational program activities and fund-raisers.
- Master Gardener Scholarships — Three \$1,000 scholarships awarded to high school students.
- Garden Tour — In June a self-guiding garden tour was offered in Taney County to view seven private gardens. Over 90 people participated. \$1,856 was raised for the benefit of scholarships and grants.
- Monthly Garden Programs - Twenty garden programs were offered on a regular basis during the growing season in 3 locations with a total of 389 participants. Topics covered included planting in clay soil, salvia, seed saving, raised bed gardening, growing roses, vegetable gardening, preserving herbs, the life of a beehive, seed starting and right plant right place.
- Youth Programming — New for 2025 was the initiation of a Junior Master Gardener group combined with 4-H. which met every other week which provided learning opportunities such as decorating flowerpots and planting flowers in them. On another occasion, flower boards were made using real flowers from the gardens.
- Spring Garden Workshop — 216 participants from 21 counties attended the "Get Your Green On" themed event
- Fall Gardening Workshop — 155 participants from 12 counties learned reliable advice on gardening in the Ozarks.
- Education and Improved Landscapes — ongoing projects include Veteran's Memorial Garden, Pollinator Event, Speaker's Bureau, Bonniebrook Homestead landscaping, Forsyth Demonstration Garden, Corps of Engineers Project Office, Central Crossing Senior Center, Cape Fair Community Center, Ozarks Lake Country Senior Center garden, Kimberling Area Library Children's Garden, Harvest Community Garden, Broiler Festival booths and Stone.

# Stone and Taney Counties

## Master Gardener Program

### Profiles and Stories

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A few of our new Emeritus members.

Flower boards made by youth at the Kimberling Area Library reading program.



Master Gardeners from Shell Knob beautified the senior center in April.

# Sullivan County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### SULLIVAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Jennifer Schutter

Number of Volunteers — 9

Number of Volunteer Hours — 442.5

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$15,394.5  
(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 3

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 65

Number of Advanced Training Hours — 2

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 1

Number of Participants in Education Events — 42



Master Gardeners maintain flower beds in Oakwood Cemetery in Milan.



Paul and Sandra Henley were recognized as Emeritus Master Gardeners after 20 years of service.

### Chapter Projects and Events

- The Sullivan County Master Gardener chapter meets the first Thursday of each month for a program and business meeting, in Green City, MO.
- The chapter's community service projects included beautification (planting, summer maintenance, winter clean-up) at the following sites in Sullivan County:
  - scatter garden in Oakwood Cemetery in Milan
  - Green Castle City Hall
  - Local churches
  - The Depot in Green City, which is an old depot station in the center of town
- Master Gardeners assisted elderly gardeners, helping them care for their gardens and flower beds.
- Held a plant sale for the public, where they sold plants and provided gardening and Master Gardener program information to the gardening public.
- Paul and Sandra Henley, were recognized as Emeritus Master Gardeners with over 20 years of service to the program.



Master Gardeners learn about All-America Selection plants during a meeting.

# Warren County Master Gardener Program

## Local Impact

### WARREN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER

Local Extension Master Gardener Coordinator  
Justin Keay

Number of Volunteers — 9

Number of Volunteer Hours — 197

Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours - \$6,853.63\*

(\*[Independent Sector](#) at \$34.79/hour)

Number of New Volunteers — 2

Number of Continuing Education Hours — 33

Pounds of Produce Donated — 120

Value of Pounds of Produce Donated - \$237.39\*

(\*[Feeding America](#) at \$1.93/pound)

Number of Chapter-led Education Events — 15

Number of Participants in Education Events — 210



Warren County Master Gardeners established an “Ask a Master Gardener Booth” at the Warren County Farmers market where they answer gardening questions and provide research-backed educational materials to the public.

### Chapter Projects and Events

- Truesdale ADA accessible community garden
- Classes at the Warren County Library
  - Mother’s day plants
  - Container Gardening Class
  - Using plant dye for fibers and fabric
  - Warrenton Library Seed Library
- Ask a Master Gardener Booth at the Warren County Farmers and Artisan Market
- Educational flash-cards developed by the chapter, based off and referencing, MU Extension fact-sheets were distributed at the Farmers Market.

Add impact stories here:

- The Master Gardeners helped establish a seed library at the Warren County Library to provide free vegetable seeds to community members.
- WCMG’s educated individuals at the farmers market on research-backed gardening practices.
- Master Gardeners established ADA accessible gardening beds at the Truesdale community garden to allow gardeners of all abilities to enjoy vegetable gardening



Warren County Master Gardeners hosted a container gardening class at the Warrenton Library, where 48 participants learned about best practices to enjoy fruitful container gardens