

How do I become a Master Gardener Volunteer?

- complete a 12-week course
- pass a take-home exam
- volunteer 24 hours of service in the first year

The course is typically offered each fall.

After the first year, Master Gardener Volunteers need to complete 10 hours of continuing education and 24 hours of volunteer service annually to maintain certification.



"I've been gardening all my life, and the course opened up new directions for me. It taught both the basics and latest advances in horticulture. It was awesome."

SCVMGA member since 1998

"I thought I had to have gardening experience before taking the course. I felt pretty dumb. But I gave it a try and can't believe how much I learned from the course and all the wonderful members who are so eager to share their expertise."

SCVMGA member since 2014



Whatever your interests – vegetables, fruits, native plants, annuals, shrubs, grasses, house plants, perennials, landscape design, trees, prairies – SCVMGA has a spot for you!

"Contact Us" at scvmga.weebly.com

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For information about upcoming Master Gardener Volunteer courses:

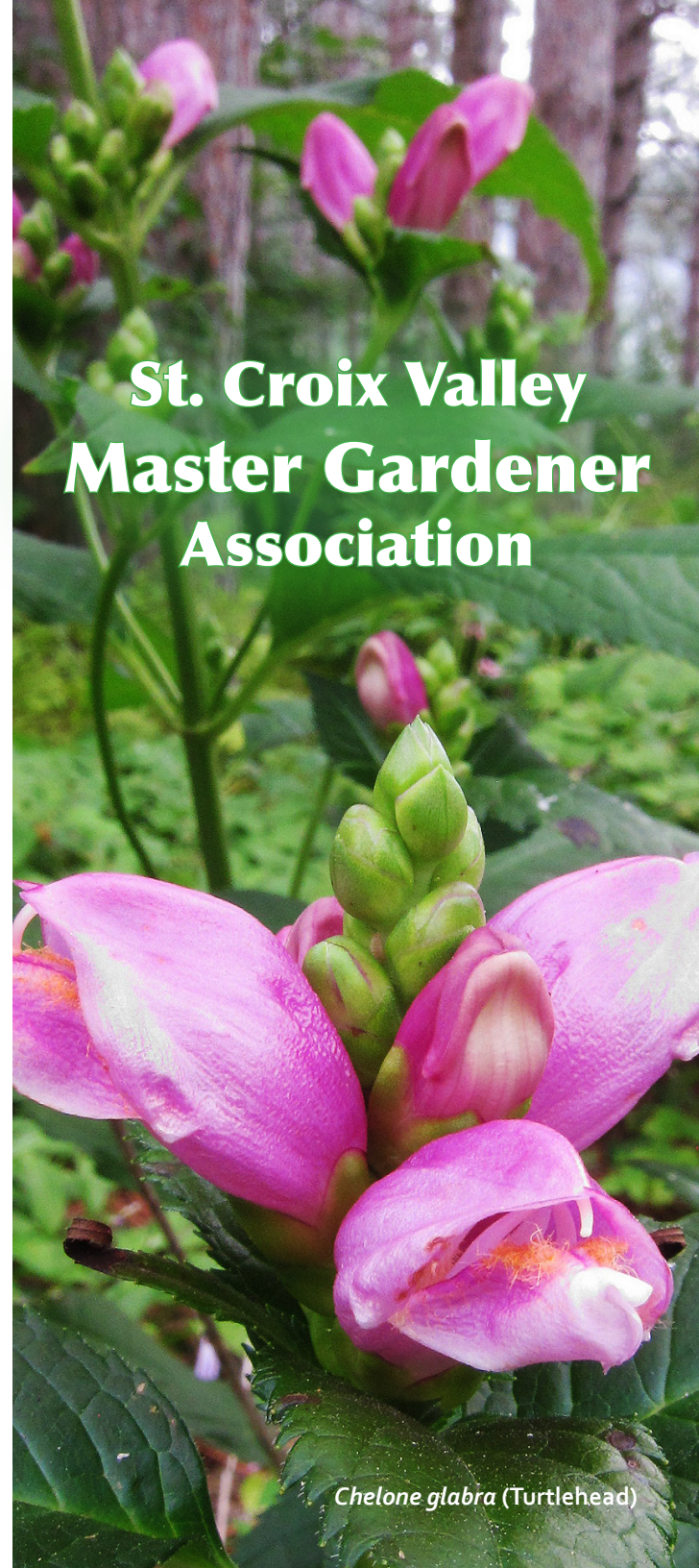
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The Wisconsin Master Gardener website is located at wimastergardener.org

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Chelone glabra (Turtlehead)

Wisconsin Master Gardener Volunteer Program

The Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (WIMGA) offers vital support and leadership through UW-Extension to 70 counties across the state. It provides up-to-date, science-based knowledge to certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) whose mission is to improve the well-being of communities and educate the public on horticulture and natural resources.

St. Croix Valley Master Gardener Association

St. Croix Valley Master Gardener Association (SCVMGA) serves residents in Pierce and St. Croix counties. Members volunteer their time through an array of projects for yearly recertification. Annual dues are \$15 for a single membership or \$20 per household.



SCVMGA Membership Benefits

- latest ideas, practices on gardening techniques
- valuable network of passionate gardeners
- over 40 projects for obtaining volunteer hours
- continuing education opportunities
- state association (WIMGA) membership
- "Behind-the-scenes" garden tours
- two newsletters
- "Hands-on" Fall Workshop



Garden Tours



Fall Workshop

What you can do as a Master Gardener Volunteer



ENGAGE younger generations to value gardening and natural resources. Volunteer at Earth Day, Farm Safety

Day, public schools, Junior Garden U, summer library programs, 4-H groups.

CONTRIBUTE plants, lend a hand to our Plant Sale, an annual fundraiser that provides over \$4,000 in community grants.



GIVE a presentation at our monthly meeting or to community groups on a horticulture topic.



EVALUATE vegetable, herb and flower plant varieties for growing habits, germination rates, flavor, size, color, texture.

Results are published to help the general public in seed selections.

FINE-TUNE your knowledge at monthly presentations, our Fall Workshop, and annual Garden U conference.

DESIGN landscapes to bring harmony, serenity to memory-care facilities.



EDUCATE the public about gardening, help them find answers, give tips while staffing MGV booths at local Farmers Markets, County Fairs, Home Shows.

JOIN members at our community gardens to raise fresh, nutritious vegetables for area food pantries.



RESTORE prairies on public lands (schools, libraries, town halls, parks, visitor centers).

WRITE articles, take photos for our *Sprinklings* newsletter, website or Facebook page.

BEAUTIFY, maintain community spaces with shrubs, trees, grasses, annuals and perennials.



IMMERSE yourself in a specialty through one of our garden groups: Flower Garden Design, Variety Plant Trials or Gardening with Native Plants.

ADD your organizational and networking skills to one of our working committees.