

# Sheboygan County Master Gardeners

We had 101 members in 2008, with 56 recertified for 2009.

In 2008 we volunteered	22	hours in youth education
	2,176	hours in community education
	2,869	hours in support service
and participated in	1,549	hours in continuing education



The Education Committee provides many excellent opportunities throughout the year for our members to continue their on-going education. General MGCV training will be offered in 2009.

## Major Accomplishments or Projects:

1. Sheboygan Co. UW-Extension MGCVs' support for relocating the UW-Extension Office to the UW-Sheboygan Campus was valuable for providing input to local officials.
2. *Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice*. This was a rewarding new project for MGCVs in 2008. Volunteers planned and planted garden areas, as well as assisted with on-going maintenance. MGCVs also had opportunities for making flower arrangements to brighten the interior space for residents. Everyone at the hospice has expressed gratitude and is appreciative of what MGCVs provide.
3. *Purple Loosestrife Eradication Project*. Raising and releasing *Galerucella* beetles made a very significant impact on reducing the amount of purple loosestrife at Kohler Andre State Park. Kohler Andre State Park became the first in the state to participate in the new phase of "Beetlemania" Control Program. In addition to controlling purple loosestrife, MGCVs reintroduced native plant species back into the park wetland in areas where beetles effectively controlled loosestrife. Thirteen species of plants, once native to the park, were selected and planted. Native plant species will encourage biodiversity and help deter other invasive species.
4. *Bookworm Gardens*. Bookworm Gardens is a vibrant, playful children's garden that enhances literature, the natural world, and the imagination. Located in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, the garden is adjacent to UW-Sheboygan and is across from the UW-Extension offices which house the Sheboygan Co. MGA. Our MGCVs contributed many hours to the Bookworm Gardens site clean-up and clearing of the land in preparation for construction to begin soon.



## Highlighted Project: Plank Road Trail Maintenance

Four Sheboygan Co. trail heads are cared for by planting, landscaping, mulching, and controlling weeds. This helps the county reduce their trail maintenance costs.

