

Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. Summary

Number of employees: 0

Number of volunteers: 84

What is your Mission Statement?

The Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc., in partnership with UW-Extension, shall strive to make a positive impact on horticulture in our community through education, community outreach and stewardship of our environment.

What is the main source of your funding and what percent of your funding does that source provide?

DCMGA's main source of funding comes from a plant sale by DCMGA volunteers held annually at the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station in Sturgeon Bay. This fundraiser contributes approximately 85% of our annual funding. We also receive occasional grants and donations earmarked for investment in our display garden, The Garden Door, and donations from DCMGA members or visitors to the garden.

What is the geographic scope of your services throughout Door County?

We serve all of Door County.

Explanation of how you serve Door County including primary programs your organization offers to the community.

DCMGA serves the Door County community in many ways. Here are the key areas:

1. The Garden Door: Since 2005, we have designed, improved and maintained The Garden Door, an educational display garden open to the public on a year-round basis. Recent improvements include paving to make the garden more fully accessible and an educational garden showing different methods for growing vegetables. We provide docent guided tours to non-profit groups upon request.
2. Education Programs: During 2022, we provided more than 10 educational lectures/demonstrations that were free and open to the public covering topics such as planting for pollinators, dealing with invasive jumping worms, identifying wildflowers, planting natives and prairie plants. We also partner with organizations such as Crossroads, Wild Ones and Every Day is Earth Day by sponsoring and participating in many more educational outreach programs. DCMGA is also fiscal sponsor of the Door County Seed Library, which is dedicated to providing free seeds and seed saving education, through all of the branches of the Door County Library.
3. Support for Non-Profits: DCMGA volunteers provide gardening assistance to more than 20 non-profits located throughout Door County, including youth organizations, such as the Southern Door School District; community organizations, such as the Door County YMCA, Door County Maritime Museum, Village of Egg Harbor, Ellison Bay Service Club; health organizations, such as Door County Medical Center; cultural organizations

such as Door Shakespeare; parks and land preservation organizations, such as Door County Land Trust, Friends of Peninsula State Park, Ridges Sanctuary, Newport Wilderness Society, Wisconsin DNR, and religious organizations.

How would you define the impact your organization is making in Door County?

Master Gardener volunteers are dedicated to using gardening to make a difference in our communities through education, service outreach and stewardship of the environment. Each Master Gardener volunteer is required to provide at least 24 hours of volunteer service and do at least 10 hours of continuing education each year. We believe that DCMGA volunteers are helping to improve lives and communities all across Door County through gardening.

What is your annual budget?

Our annual budget includes the following:

Display garden and educational programs	\$21,000
Member services including state dues and annual meeting	\$2,000
Administrative including insurance, website and supplies	\$3,000

If you were to receive a donation from 100+WWC, how would that donation be used?

If DCMGA were to receive a donation from 100+WWC, we would use the funding to expand our educational outreach, including more educational features in The Garden Door, as well as more lectures and workshops directed to both youth and adults in the community.