

**Eau Claire County**  
**Master Gardener Volunteer Program**  
**Position Description: Ask-A-Master Gardener Booth**



**WHO:** A Master Gardener Volunteer

**WHAT:** Volunteer and be our resident expert at the “Ask-A-Master Gardener” Booth

**WHEN:** most are Saturdays from 8-noon; it’s common for volunteers to take shifts

**WHERE:** Eau Claire Farmer’s Market

Other onetime events include: Chippewa Valley Sustainable Future Festival, Eau Claire County Fair, Farm City Day

**Impact:**

Invaluable information to the general public about horticulture! Many people don’t know where to turn for unbiased advice and find the UW-Extension information to be valuable.

People sometimes just need someone to brainstorm or troubleshoot their garden problems with. By providing information you have the potential to save time and money for the gardener. In many instances gardeners are looking for a chemical recommendation for a pest problem but upon further examination no chemical treatment is needed.

**WHY:**

Share your gardening expertise and help local gardeners learn important tips.

To have fun at this very social event and spread the green thumb!

**Responsibilities:** one or more of the responsibilities listed. Termed by the availability of the volunteer.

- Set up and/or take down of the table and literature.
- Answering questions from the general public which may simply be providing them a brochure or publication.

**Supplies available:**

- publications are organized in a plastic tote that is used for each booth
- other volunteers are at the booth which means someone there is bound to be the “expert” on flowers, or trees, or vegetables, etc.
- Eau Claire County UWEX Horticulture Educator business cards are on hand to provide the public when a question “stumps” the volunteers.
- (forth coming in 2015) laptop with internet access to look up answers and publications

*Master Gardeners are volunteers trained by UW-Extension specialists and agents in many aspects of horticulture. In return for their training, Master Gardeners volunteer to help with UW-Extension educational programs in horticulture and a wide variety of community service projects.*