

**The Northeastern Wisconsin (N.E.W) Master Gardeners Association,
By-Laws**



ADDENDUM V

**Northeastern Wisconsin Master Gardener Association History
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History of the Master Gardener Program, from UWEXT. ORS Canvas ;

The Extension Master Gardener program was started in 1972 in Washington state. Dr. David Gibby trained volunteers with a passion for gardening to assist Extension with consumer horticulture education in the community. This unique volunteer program has become internationally recognized and often duplicated as a model for other volunteer programs. Today, Extension Master Gardener programs exist in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, several Canadian provinces, and South Korea. Across the country, Extension Master Gardeners are trained to receive and recommend university and research-based information.

The Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program started in the late 1970's in Brown, Dane, and Milwaukee counties. Individuals in the Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program continue to answer gardening questions as in the original program, but it has evolved to include many other great volunteer opportunities with community organizations.