

JOHNSON COUNTY IOWA MASTER GARDENERS
Johnson County Master Gardener Project Leader Annual Report



Name of Project: Yard and Garden Information

Name(s) of Project Leader(s): Jackie Wellborn and Kay Mohling

Provide a brief statement of the involvement/impact for the project:

Volunteers with the Yard and Garden Information project provide outreach, promote the Master Gardener program, offer printed resources, and answer questions at area events throughout the year.

Number and names of Master Gardeners Involved:

Jackie Wellborn and Kay Mohling co-chair the project with several volunteers providing information throughout the year. In 2023 volunteer hours totaled over 100 hours.

Please include a description of project impact:

Project volunteers answered questions, provided information, shared resources, and promoted the MG program at several events this year. Newer Master Gardeners also benefited from the knowledge and experience of other Master Gardeners as they discussed garden questions at the events.

Provide a summary of project activities conducted throughout the calendar year and the results of the project (include data of the success(es) of the project and or partner(s)).

This year the Yard and Garden Information project provided resources and answered questions at many events. In March resources were provided at the Prairie Preview. In May we were at the Johnson County Master Gardener Plant Sale & Flea Market, and an Earth Week event at Weber Elementary School. In June we had a display at the Coralville Community Food Pantry as part of the Growing Together Grant. In July we had a table at the Taste of Heritage event and staffed the tent during all four days of the Johnson County 4-H Fair. In August we were at the Plum Grove Taste of Heirloom Tomatoes event.

Statement of what you consider the greatest success of this project:

One highlight of this year was the Yard and Garden Information project's involvement with the Growing Together Grant. This grant provided additional outreach opportunities, such as the Coralville Community Food Pantry event in June where gardening questions were answered, recipes were handed out and tomato plants were potted and sent home with pantry visitors.

What are the needs to help this project continue? What changes would you consider making for the future?

As the project continues to reach new audiences, we will need more printed resources and resources in additional languages. This year we also received several requests for information on sustainable landscapes and native plants, so may need to expand our printed resource library.

Jackie Wellborn and Kay Mohling
Project Leaders

1/3/2024

Date