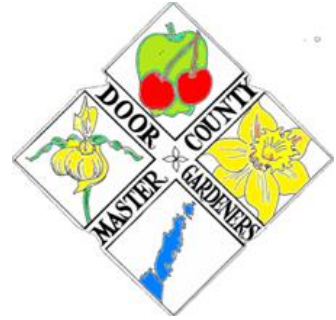




# Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.



*A Volunteer Organization of the UW-Cooperative Extension Service*

## The Garden Door Fact Sheet

The Garden Door had its origins during the first year of existence of the Door County Master Gardeners (DCMGA). Back in 1995, DCMGA members decided that they wanted to create a “show garden” that would showcase plants that could grow in this area. Ten years later, the “show garden”, now called “The Garden Door”, opened to the public during a Grand Opening in July of 2005.

Interesting information about The Garden Door:

- The Garden Door is located on the grounds of the University of Wisconsin Peninsular Agricultural Research Station encompassing approximately **one acre of land**;
- It is **divided into 20 garden areas**, each supervised by one or more DCMGA members. Each garden area attempts to demonstrate either a related set of plants (Grass Garden), or different ways of utilizing plants in the garden;
- **Funds to help maintain The Garden Door** come from the proceeds earned at our **Annual Plant Sale**, which occurs in May at the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station, and from funds deposited in the **donation box** located in The Garden Door;
- The Garden Door contains approximately **350 different varieties of plants**. Plant lists for each garden area can be found on the DCMGA website;
- The gardens are **planted and maintained by DCMGA members** who provide approximately **2000 hours of volunteer work each gardening season**;
- To help maintain the gardens, The Garden Door has an **underground watering system**. The gardens are watered 6 days a week – watering is done to half of the gardens each day alternating between the two halves;
- Although we have no way of knowing for certain, we estimate that The Garden Door has **approximately 6000 visits** each year;
- In addition to our **annual Open House each July**, The Garden Door has been featured on a number of events over the years, including Pond Walks and the hospital auxiliary’s House & Garden Walk;
- On the second Tuesday evening of each month from June to September, **Tuesday in The Garden Door** is offered to the public. Each month, these free educational events offer three 20-minute programs on a variety of horticulture-related topics. These programs are presented by DCMGA members, or by horticulture professionals from Door County;

- The Garden Door contains a number of **structures**, most of which were designed and constructed by Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV). The following is a summary of when these structures were installed and who designed them, starting with the Entrance Arbor and proceeding along the path to the right:
  - The **Entrance Arbor** was designed by MGV Virge Temme and installed in 2005. The carving on the ridge of the roof was done by MGV Jim McFarlin;
  - The Interactive "**Human**" **Analemmatic Sundial** was created and installed by Door County Master Gardeners Association volunteers, with the help of retired Professor of astronomy Ray Stonecipher and concrete contractor Dylan Lauger in the summer of 2009;
  - The **Gazebo** was designed and installed by non-MGV Gregg Urban. It was constructed in 2000;
  - The "**Wence**" (the wooden structure along the back of The Garden Door) was designed by Gail Elsholz and MGV Kaye Knutson and installed in 2008;
  - The **Tunnel and Sound Garden** was designed by MGVs Karen Overbeck and Virge Temme and installed in 2005. The **fused glass flowers** located in the Tunnel were created by MGV Wendy Woldt.;
  - The **Garden Shed** was designed by Virge Temme and installed in 2004. The carving at the ridge of the roof was done by MGV Ward Miller;
  - The **Raised Beds**, across from the shed, was designed by MGV Barb Henkelmann and installed in 2017 by Jim McFarlin;
  - The **Planted Copper Structure**, next to the shed, was designed by MGV Sandy Vandertie and constructed by Rod Schlise, MGV John Kierstyn and MGV Mark Honold. It was installed in 2017;
  - The **Pergola** (shade structure) was designed by Jim McFarlin and installed in 2009;
  - The **Pond** was designed by MGV Dale Jeanquart and installed in 2004;
  - The **Kaleidoscope** was designed and installed by Robert Anderson in 2008;
- **Mosaic benches** located in The Garden Door were created by DCMGA members in memory of loved ones.

More information about The Garden Door and about the Door County Master Gardeners, including information on how you can become a DCMGA member, can be found on our website, [www.dcmga.org](http://www.dcmga.org), and at our Facebook sites, [www.facebook.com/Door-County-Master-Gardener-160872890592448](https://www.facebook.com/Door-County-Master-Gardener-160872890592448) , and [www.facebook.com/TheGardenDoorDC](https://www.facebook.com/TheGardenDoorDC)