

Youth and Adult Educational Outreach Programs

Many groups call in requests for presentations on various horticultural topics. Master Gardeners frequently give talks at the Magnolia Library, Toluca Library, Wenona City Hall, to the Illinois Valley Herb Guild, at the Marshall-Putnam County Fair, Toluca Fall Festival, Wenona Family days, and to various youth groups, including 4-H clubs. Topics covered vary and have included “Hummingbirds”, “Container Gardening”, “How to Make a Live Greens Wreath”, “Tree Rings”, “Flower Arranging” and “Pollinators”, to name a few. Master Gardeners also attend the Marshall-Putnam County Fair with an informational booth on varying topics each year.



Above left: Master Gardener Barb Dahlbach poses during her “Flower Arranging” program, 2018.
Above right: Participants pose at the conclusion of an “Herb Gardening” program, 2019.



Above left: Youth participants at the Toluca Fall Festival create tree ring “cookie” necklaces, October 2019.
Above right: Participants at the Marshall-Putnam 4-H Christmas Program create live greens wreaths with the help of Master Gardener volunteers.