

Congratulations!

Platteville Regional Chambers 23rd Annual Hometown Festival Week Party in the Park a “Salute to our Volunteers”

The Grant County Master Gardener Volunteers has two special members that were honored that night for their part in the community. Our “Volunteers of the Year” are Julie Pluemer and Wendy Johnson. Photo shows Julie Pluemer on the left and Wendy Johnson on the right. July 23, 2020.

Julie Pluemer is a 16 year of service as a volunteer. When Katie’s Garden started, Julie took on the treasures position for the gardens and volunteered to care and plant on to the largest beds. Over the past 16 years, she has given generously of her time, skills, and knowledge as a Master Gardener. She has pitched in and helped wherever and whenever needed. This included cleaning up and mulching a neglected bed so it would be ready for our newest Master Gardener interns to take over.



Friends of the Mining and Roll Jamison Museums of Platteville Wisconsin has named Grant County Master Gardener Volunteer Wendy Johnson. Wendy has put in more than 50 hours of planning and planting and a continuing commitment to helping to maintain the Museum Terrace Gardens as the technical and creative mind behind the Gail E. and Wesley E. Kopp Memorial Pollinator Garden at The Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums. When contacted by Museum Director Erik Flesch, Wendy agreed to take on designing the pollinator garden for the Museum Terrace Garden space. She tested the soil, researched plants, and designed the gardens with attention to color coordination, three season beauty, pollinator benefits, and compatibility with the surrounding environment in mind. Wendy was also instrumental in obtaining a grant from the Grant County Master Gardeners to help pay for the plants. She provided coordination and guidance for volunteers on planting days in May and June 2019 and again in June 2020 when the garden was extended along Virgin Avenue. Since planting, she has continued to monitor the gardens and provide guidance to the Museums’ weekly Wednesday afternoon Green Team volunteers. Wendy has been instrumental in beautifying the Museum campus and her expertise and commitment are a true gift to the Museums. The Museum was happy to recognize Wendy as volunteer of the year.