

Friends of the Scheig Center Gardens – 2022 – The Year In Review

The Scheig Center Gardens are located within Appleton's Memorial Park and are part of Appleton's Park and Recreation Department. In 2014, the Friends of the Scheig Center Gardens was formed to aid the Park Dept. with garden maintenance and upkeep. The first year, 6-8 volunteers put in 81.6 hours; in 2022, over 31 volunteers worked 1429.5 hours. The volunteers, under the direction of park employee Jim Kinderman, planted, weeded, and maintained the garden beds. One of the current goals is to increase the number of volunteers each year.

The wildflower garden was removed due to overgrowth conditions and the foundation for a new bed was designed and installed. The bed will be planted in the spring of 2023. Not only will this eliminate weeds that had invaded the bed but also allow for better plant identification.

Part of the herb garden was removed due to overcrowding. The Friend's Committee worked with the local herb society to select new plants to create a Shakespeare Garden and culinary garden to be installed in early 2023.

Thanks to the efforts of Girl Scout Olivia Caravella, the old tool shed was replaced with a larger and sturdier shed. This was part of Olivia's Gold Award project.

The Scheig Center Gardens was one of the sites on the 2022 Outagamie County Master Gardeners Garden Walk on Saturday, June 25. Due to Covid, the walk was not back in full force, but the Scheig Center Gardens hosted over 100 visitors.

The Gardens and volunteers were featured in television interviews twice this year.

The Friend's group appreciates the support of the Appleton Parks Department and the Outagamie County Master Gardener Association for their assistance in making this another successful year.

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