

Volunteers help with IHM Organic Farm

Mary Jo Windels retired from IHM early last year as Mary Fran Gilleran's administrative assistant. She began volunteering at St. Mary Organic Farm this year in April, working in the perennial and shade flower gardens. She diligently planted, weeded and mulched the gardens each week, registering 202 volunteer hours this growing season.

Besides the gardening work, she coordinated efforts weekly with the ecology director, Sharon McNeil, and other volunteers. She tracked volunteer hours and duties, made thank you cards from pictures taken in the garden, and donated her own flowers and garden art to make it look beautiful. Mary Jo also solicited flower donations from the community, and her husband helped trim and care for the bushes and trees.

Mary Jo is a valuable asset to the IHMs and the garden. We are very grateful for her vision, dedication and hard work. Thank you, Mary Jo.



Attilo (Bart) Bartoloni is retired and lives with his wife in Allen Park. Bart volunteered 65 hours this year, working in the perennial garden. Bart has been a key part of the garden. His knowledge of flowers, his flower donations and hard work added greatly to the enhanced beauty and expansion of the garden. Bart also repaired tools and hoses, reorganized the work shed and added space for tools. We appreciate his hard work, expertise and the distance he travels to volunteer for us! Thank you, Bart.