

## Celebrating a Senior Volunteer

### Congratulations Nancy White—Fall 2020 Honoree

Nancy White, volunteer at the WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology for 19 years, has been selected for the Senior Volunteer Spotlight Award by Area 10 Agency on Aging. She is being recognized for her numerous contributions to the museum throughout many years.

Nancy, a retired school teacher, started volunteering at the museum in 2001 when it was located in one room at the Wick's Building on the north side of the court house square. According to Jeanne Gunning of WonderLab, who nominated her, Nancy easily connected and communicated with children and encouraged them to explore and ask questions both in the museum and at its interactive science outreach activities. She was at ease and approachable with people of all ages and backgrounds and was gifted with seizing teachable moments. Jeanne states, "Nancy's can-do attitude, sense of humor and ability to quickly adapt an activity 'saved the day' many times".

Nancy's most visible contribution to WonderLab is the beautiful garden area which thousands of visitors have enjoyed. She became involved with the garden 14 years ago. Nancy who had become a Master Gardener after retirement took over the maintenance of the area along with fellow



Master Gardeners and other community volunteers. She has planned, organized, maintained and sustained the area since then. Jeanne notes, "She is a delightful educator and is eager to share her knowledge of the garden with volunteers and visitors alike. She delights in seeing a volunteer pick a tomato or carrot for the first time". Many of the volunteers return year after year because of their experience working with Nancy. Jeanne credits Nancy with saving the organization thousands of dollars since they do not have to retain a professional gardening company.

According to Jeanne, "Nancy's impact is immense. She is always thinking about the long-term sustainability of the garden and how to get the community involved and engaged. Nancy White's stewardship of the WonderGarden makes her truly deserving of recognition".

Nancy is an AmeriCorps Seniors volunteer in Area 10's RSVP program.

