

MAY 2022

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWSLETTER



Doug refurbishing the wheelbarrows.



Amy's pepper starts!



Dear Gardeners,

On May 16th, Boulder County Extension is hosting an open house from 3:30-6 PM: a dedication celebration for Charles Bliss Trial Gardens and you are invited. There will be baby goats, tours of the community garden & free food, need I say more?

It was lovely to see many of your faces at the garden exchange this weekend. Amy grew and donated over 75 gorgeous starts: several different varieties of peppers, tomatoes the size of trees, brassicas & flowers! We have a lot of seeds left over from the exchange. If you still want seeds we will be giving away veggie and flower seeds at the Cinco de Mayo celebration in Roosevelt Park in Longmont this Saturday, May 7th. If we have leftovers I've created a "sharing station" inside the community garden gazebo where we can share extra garden goodies with each other. Today I put out some native pollinator plants for anyone who would like them.

I am feeling especially grateful for the generosity of this community these days. This past month so many folks have stepped up to offer their skills, resources and time to beautify the gardens. A special thank you is in order to the folks who planted 425 strawberries in record speed on Saturday: Mark, Patty, Amy, Liana, Helen & Grandma Zhong! There have been many contributions around the garden. Doug has been caring for some of the community areas including helping with raspberry pruning & fixing 3 wheelbarrows. Archie is the hops extraordinaire: watering, pruning, signing and stringing up the hops since March. Gaylynn created a beautiful display at our entrance & has also spearheaded a petition for the fairgrounds master plan. Mark made homemade banana bread for the workday, donated peat for the strawberries & is our point person for food bank donations this year (see more information below). Adrian and Deryn have given lots of helpful advice on irrigation, garden layout and soil improvements. Dietmar is taking care of the blueberries, Mo is revitalizing the compost, Joel is trellising grapes and Kas is weeding the hops. Thank you to everyone, for all the ways you are contributing to make this garden a special place.

Emma, Garden Coordinator

Food Bank Donations

Mark, in plots 21 and 24, will be managing donations from community gardeners to the Longmont Food Bank this summer. He will be accepting donations starting on May 25th. We will have a black crate in the garden gazebo to leave donations. Mark will be picking up donations from this area each Wednesday.

*Do all the good you can.
By all the means you can.
In all the ways you can.
In all the places you can.
At all the times you can.
To all the people you can.
As long as you ever can.*
- JOHN WESLEY

New community strawberry patch.



The view from Wayne & Diana's garden.



The season's first asparagus.



Mark's False Lupine



Upcoming Events

Extension at Cinco de Mayo Celebration

When: Saturday, May 7th, 11 AM-6 PM

Where: Roosevelt Park, Longmont

Come visit us at the Cinco de Mayo celebration for vegetable, herb and native pollinator plant seeds.

Charles Bliss Trial Garden Dedication

When: Monday, May 16th, 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Where: Boulder County Extension at the Boulder County Fairgrounds

Celebrate the dedication of our trial gardens with food, baby goats & gardening activities.

GROW & GIVE

MODERN VICTORY GARDEN PROJECT

Have extra garden produce to share?

Local resources for giving and free Colorado gardening information are here for you!

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CSU Extension Front Range Garden Series 2022

March 18	Convert Your Turf!
March 25	Pruning Shrubs: Stop the Senseless Shearing
April 1	A Fool's Guide to Zero-Water Gardens
April 8	Vegetable Varieties
April 15	Celebrate Trees for Arbor Day!
April 22	Beneficial Garden Insects
April 29	Introduction to Landscape Design
May 6	Soil Health and Amendments
May 13	Bulbs for Summer Blooms
May 20	Growing Backyard Berries
May 27	Plant Besties - Companion Plants
June 3	Beauty and the Bees

All classes will be virtual, 60 minutes long and will be recorded. To register visit our CO-Horts Blog website at <http://csuhort.blogspot.com/>



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