

LETTUCE GROW



UNEVEN SPRING, 2020

We expect planting season to vary from year to year. We are used to that. What we are not used to is the total seismic shift occurring right now. Most patterns have been interrupted, from work life to going to the store. Gardeners have an outlet: Gardening! It gets us outside and it meets the criteria for social distancing. The labor itself can be restoring. Planting is forward looking. And as gardeners this spring, we can plant peas, strawberries, beans and chives. We can check on them during the weeks ahead. We can create a small plot of progress. And we can catch critters!

Greenhouse News - The GH will be available for use beginning in April. A drawing for the 19 beds will take place during the next board meeting and winners will be notified by email.

The GH Winter gardeners ran into aphids again this Spring. The GH manager, Nancy Bright, introduced lace wings eggs in an effort to use this natural predator to begin working the GH. **She notes that the east wall will be available for seedling containers the weekend of March 28.**

Did you know?

There are over 20 plots still available. Invite friends to read our blurb in the Nugget.

Twenty-six paid gardeners were registered as of March 17.

It's not too late to amend your soil. Manure, Dirt, and Compost are just outside of the gate.

The Garden will open for use on April 1st.

Financial assistance is available,
Contact
SistersCommunityGarden@gmail.com



Ready. Set. Sow

In Sisters country, the time to sow your outside plot is around the end of May, or when the snow is gone from the top of Black Butte. Remember too, we can have overnight frost here anytime until early June.

While you are waiting to plant you can add nutrients to your soil—help yourself to the manure and compost piles at the front of the garden.

When you are cleaning up your plots, adding nutrients and weeding, please take your garden debris with you. Our compost bins are still cooking from last year and we do not have debris disposal service.

Take a walk around the garden and look for watering and plant protection systems. Many of the seasoned gardeners have learned a few things to ensure their good harvests. If we continue to practice social distancing, feel free to send an email to SistersCommunityGarden@gmail.com to ask questions and get in touch with other gardeners.

The area behind the shed—Back 40—will be irrigated and available for use on June 1. This is a good place for zucchini, pumpkins, or other vegetables that might be too large for your raised bed. The Back 40 is available to all gardeners, first come, first serve.

Outside garden plots not in use by June 15 are subject to reassignment to another gardeners. Too, you must have registered and PAID for your plot to secure it. Ann Nora Kruger is our membership chair, send her an email (annnorak@hotmail.com) if you are unsure of your standing.

Changes and News

Our work party is postponed. We will reschedule a group work party when possible.

We are asking gardeners to individually help prepare the garden for the 2020 season. Here's what we hope to accomplish before the middle of April.

1. General clean up of compost bin and soil amendment areas.
2. Patrol the garden and remove all weeds from beds and walkways.
3. Inventory and cleanup tools.
4. Tidy up common planting areas.
5. Clean out the shed.
6. Clean up the greenhouse.
7. Tend the Airport sign plantings.
8. Turn on the water.



Changes and News

The Annual Garden Meeting and Potluck has also been postponed.

Please check your email messages from the SCGarden for new event dates and information. www.sisterscommunitygarden.org is also a resource for information and to get in touch with Board members.

During the annual meeting upcoming needs of the garden are considered. This is the time that members are asked to consider serving on the leadership committee or becoming a **Garden Steward**.

We hope to see you all soon!