

## **BCMGA Annual Committee Report**

Committee: Community Gardening Education Team Year: 2023

\*Number of Active Members: 25 \*Number of Public Contacts: 150

\*Number of volunteer hours (estimates are fine): 500

Purpose of Committee: to whet interest in home gardening and encourage beginning and experienced gardeners. To teach new skills. To have hands-on interactive events in Benton County communities.

Goals for 2023: to serve more community members and underserved populations. To partner with nonprofits to increase participation among underserved populations. To recruit new committee members and to build community among those in the committee.

### Events/Activities:

Seed to Supper in the Garden (Willamette Park Community Garden, Corvallis)

Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop (Lupe's Garden in Philomath)

Container Vegetable Gardening Workshop (Lupe's Garden in Philomath)

Container Vegetable Gardening Workshop (South Corvallis Food Bank)

Composting Workshop (Lupe's Garden in Philomath)

Fall/Winter Gardening Workshop (Calvin Garden in Corvallis)

Seed to Supper in the Garden (Basic Needs Center, OSU)

Houseplant Talk (Scholarly Sistahs, Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center, OSU)

Siembre la Cena Container Workshop (Calvin Garden, Corvallis)

How have your goals and events met the educational mission of BCMGA?

We were able to reach more community members. Among those community members, we saw an increase in underserved populations. We recruited 2023 Trainees to join our activities (which lend themselves to Trainees working with experienced Master Gardeners). We held a social for committee members to get to know each other.

Has your committee had opportunities to meet the needs of underserved populations?

Yes, we manifested opportunities with underserved populations by partnering with other nonprofits. We were able to ask nonprofits what those populations needed from us, rather than our doing *what we thought they needed*.

How might your committee extend events/activities to underserved populations in the future?

We will continue to partner with nonprofits in areas of Benton County beyond Corvallis and Philomath.

Other information you would like to share that is unique to your committee:  
Holding our events was rewarding for our participants and us as Trainees and Master Gardeners. We built camaraderie between the participants and us! We and they had fun and we all learned from each other!