

Welcome to the

OSU Linn County Master Gardener™ Demonstration Garden

Come experience the fun at the **OSU Linn County Demonstration Garden!** A dedicated group of Master Gardeners work on projects of varying degrees of commitment throughout the year. The reasons for involvement run the gamut from educational, experimental, social and therapeutic. It can be summed up by our adopted motto **TGIF** or “To Garden Is Fun”. The greater goals of the Master Gardener (MG) program are rolled into the things we do as well. Education and outreach come to the fore during demonstrations to the public or other events at the garden.

Each year new Master Gardener trainees emerge from their training to become a part of the MG community. Their enthusiasm is at a high point and their obligation for payback uppermost in their minds. They bring new ideas that they want to demonstrate at the garden or put their own interpretation to one of the concepts we have already identified.

Some of the gardening ideas that you may discover at the garden include:

1. Composting
2. Annual and perennial vegetables
3. Annual and perennial flowers
4. Plants from OSU test seeds
5. Square foot garden
6. Heirloom garden
7. Xeriscaping
8. Trellising and vertical gardening
9. Raised beds
10. Adaptive gardening
11. Alternative pathways
12. Fruits, berries, grapes
13. Espalier
14. Native plants
15. Herb garden
16. Interplanting veggies
17. Container gardening
18. Water feature
19. Lasagna beds
20. Straw bale gardening
21. Plants to attract beneficial insects and birds
22. Living wall
23. Hardscapes
24. Winter gardening
25. Drip irrigation

Visit the garden and see first hand some of the latest projects. The garden is open to the public even when Master Gardeners are not present. The East gate is never locked, so wander in and explore on your own.

The DG Team wants the public to feel welcomed as they learn from the various displays in the garden. Visit one of our Friday sessions or at one of our special events. You will find Master Gardeners eager to share what is going on in the garden and ready to answer your gardening questions. **TGIF** is held Friday afternoons from 1 to 3 in the spring and mornings from 9 to noon during the summer. **Enjoy your visit!**

Check out the Demo Garden's own e-newsletter at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/linn/sites/default/files/PDF_files/dgupdatespring2010.pdf