

Projects in the Garden

The Learning Garden began in 2002 when OSU Horticulture Agent Steve Castagnoli and Master Gardener Program Assistant Elizabeth Daniel sought input from OSU Master Gardeners™ – Columbia Gorge Chapter (now Central Gorge) about the development of a garden that could be used to teach gardening techniques to the community. A steering committee was formed in 2003, and proposals for garden features were solicited from Master Gardeners.

The Learning Garden now features eleven different garden features that are used to teach gardening techniques to members of the public.

Bioswales: In 2006, three swales were built to collect storm water from the roof of the Extension office and prevent surface runoff.

Brick Fountain Garden: A solar-powered fountain was constructed in 2007 from recycled bricks and planted with drought tolerant plants.

Compost Demo: Developed in 2004 with support from Waste Connections, Inc., it features over 10 types of composting.

Ecolawn: Planted in 2006, this feature showcases a turf-type ground cover that is both drought-tolerant and needs less maintenance.

Hellstrip: This curb garden was developed in 2003, and features drought-tolerant native and perennial plants that provide year-round color.

Herb Garden: Developed in 2004, the garden features reclaimed bricks and over 20 varieties of herbs and other drought-tolerant plants.

Japanese Heritage Garden: In 2007, this garden was developed to honor the Japanese Americans that were interned during World War II.

Native Plant Garden: Developed in 2006, invasive plants were removed to plant over 20 varieties of native trees, shrubs and perennials.

Ornamental Grass-scape: Five varieties of ornamental grasses were planted below the Japanese Heritage Garden in spring 2009.

Raised Beds: In 2008, three raised beds made of rock, wood and Orcaboard™ composite were built by students from Klahre House and are planted with seasonal vegetables.

Shed: This durable garden shed was developed in 2004 and features a gambrel roof, four skylights, and HardiPlank™ construction.

Brochures on each of these garden features are available at the OSU Extension office and the Central Gorge Master Gardener Association website listed on the front of this brochure.

The Learning Garden is being developed and maintained by the Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener™ Program—Central Gorge Chapter. The garden features several demonstration areas that are used to teach gardening techniques to members of the public.

Many local businesses and individuals have contributed to the success of this project, providing cash, materials and in-kind services.

If you or your business would like to partner with CGMGA in developing the Learning Garden, please contact Project Leader Jordan Kim at 541-386-4588

Take a self guided tour of the Learning Garden at the OSU Extension Office at 2990 Experiment Station Dr. in Hood River. The garden is open during daylight hours.



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A Self Guided Tour for



A Demonstration Garden



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Please feel free to use this brochure as a guide to browse through the garden. Specific brochures are available for all garden features.

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Garden Shed

Raised Beds

Donor Sculpture

Bioswales

Ornamental Grass-scape

Compost Demo

Worm Bin

OSU Extension Building

Fountain Garden

Japanese Heritage Garden

Fountain

Ecolawn

Hellstrip

Herb Garden

Parking Area

Native Plant Garden

Experiment Station Office



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