

Gardens in Central Oregon

The **OSU Demonstration Garden** is designed and maintained by OSU faculty, staff and the Central Oregon chapter of OSU Master Gardener volunteers. Hundreds of annuals, vegetables, perennials, trees and shrubs are planted for you to enjoy and learn about which plants are best suited to our high desert environment. Each plant is labeled with a plant name, cultural requirements, and other fun plant facts. Our goal is to demonstrate plants that are adaptable, show water use and fire-resistance. We also utilize a water smart (weather based) irrigation controller on site and are demonstrating research-based, best management practices for home gardens and landscapes.

Location: 3800 SW Airport Way, Building 4, located on the Deschutes County fairgrounds in Redmond, Oregon.

Demonstration Garden Features:

- Native Plant Garden - Plantings here are native to Central Oregon. They are drought tolerant and can tolerate strong winds. Native grasses, perennials and some shrubs are included in this design.
- Shade Gardens - Plants that thrive in the shade may be seen along the two sides of the building. In addition to shade these plants prefer more moisture and protection from the wind.
- Outdoor Classroom - This area is currently a sitting area with picnic tables and a retaining wall. Informal meetings can be held in this area. Also in this area is the watersmart irrigation control box. It operates using weather-based information it receives that is downloaded from a satellite dish. Basically, the measured amount of water lost is put back in the landscape, a very efficient way to water.
- Vines - Along the fence, examples of several different kinds of vines can be found. They not only soften the design, but also help provide breaks from our frequent strong winds.
- Turf and Trees - In this area is an example of a more drought tolerant turf, a blended mix of Kentucky blue grass, fescue and perennial rye. Examples of large shade trees also adorn this area.
- Natural Forest Area - Native trees, shrubs and grasses demonstrate a naturalized landscape. A favorite in this garden is the Rocky Mountain Maple.



- Compost Bins - A three-bin system is used for the composting operation here. Materials are moved from one bin to another as they progressively decompose. Piles are kept moist throughout the season to encourage good breakdown. A finished, organic rich compost is turned back into the gardens.
- Small Fruits - We have a variety of strawberries and raspberries growing in this area. Also included is the perennial vegetable asparagus.
- Vegetable Favorites - In this garden are vegetables successfully grown in our region, some of which were developed at Oregon State University. These plants are recommended for their ability to mature in our short growing season.
- All-America Selection (AAS) Display Garden - Each year AAS test new seeds for home gardens on a national level. The winning seeds are then displayed in our gardens for you to enjoy. Seeds selected include high quality annuals, vegetables and perennials.
- Edible Landscaping - This bed is the start of some fruit trees and bushes. Includes apples, Asian pear and honeyberry. Additional plants will be added in the future.
- Landscape Favorites - These beds demonstrate very adaptable and ornamental plants for the high desert. This selection includes perennials, trees and shrubs. Notice the steppable plants in between the flagstone.
- Flag Garden - This bed includes several ornamental grasses and perennials. The bees love the Russian sage and the Blue-mist Spirea.
- Greenhouse - Our new greenhouse is used to teach classes on starting seeds and greenhouse management. The water from the rinse station is recycled back to the bioswale.
- Bioswale - This example of a bioswale infiltrates runoff and reduces flooding using moisture loving plants and rocks.

We hope you enjoy your visit.

We also manage two community Gardens, Hollinshead Community Garden and Northwest Crossing Community Garden both located in Bend, OR. See below for more information on these community gardens.

Hollinshead Community Garden – 2019 Information

About the Gardens:

- Hollinshead Community Garden is located in the Bend Parks and Recreation District Hollinshead Park, 1235 NE Jones Rd, Bend, Oregon.
- The Garden is managed by OSU Extension Service Master Gardeners.
- There are 90 garden plots that are rented to the public for organic vegetable gardening.
- Cost of the plots is \$30 (10' x 10') and \$40 (10' x 15'), and includes automatic watering.
- Garden classes are provided throughout the gardening season at Hollinshead Park. See the [COMGA](#) or [OSU/Deschutes County Extension website](#) for information and the schedule for 2019.

About Getting a Garden Plot at Hollinshead Community Garden:

Renting a garden bed at Hollinshead Community Garden (HHCg) will be done by a lottery. Returning gardeners in good standing will keep the plots they rented the previous year. **All wishing to participate in the lottery must register by email to: comga2014@gmail.com** Please email your contact information: full name, phone number and email address.

LOTTERY opens March 1st and closes April 5th

- Individual names of registered participants will be put on a lottery numbered ticket. OSU Master Gardeners will draw the tickets one by one, and list in numerical order. The number of plots available will determine the number of successful lottery winners.

- Each winner will be notified within 3 days of this lottery, indicating their status.
- An email of the HH garden plot map with the available plots notated will be sent to lottery winners.
- Once names are chosen for the available plots, the remaining participants will be placed on a *waiting list*. (Many times plots become available during the growing season. The wait list will also be notified by email.)



Choosing your Plot: April 13th @ at 2:00 pm

- The winners of the Lottery Drawing or designee, ***MUST BE PRESENT*** at the garden to select a garden plot. The selection of the first plot will begin ***promptly*** at 2:00 pm! If you (or designee) are late to choose your plot, your name will go to the bottom of the winners list. If you (or designee) are not present to choose your plot, your name will be placed on the last spot of the wait list.
- Once you've chosen your plot, you *may not wait for another chance* to choose a different plot.
- Wait listed participants will not have advantage in 2020's lottery. We will begin anew!

HHCG Opening Day: Saturday, April 27, 2019 @ 9:00 am, rain or shine at the garden

- Each gardener will register, and pay the rental fee of \$30 or \$40 depending on the size of their plot
- **Checks made out to COMGA, or cash will be accepted.**
- **All** plot renters or their designee are expected to contribute 2 hours of work, preparing the Community Garden for the growing season. Please come ready to work. Dress for the weather. Bring gloves and tools (rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows-if you have them!) Make sure you have your name on your tools!

HHCG Closing Day: Saturday, OCTOBER 12, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m. rain or shine at the garden

- **All** plot renters or their designee are expected to contribute 2 hours of work winterizing the Community Garden on closing day. Please come ready to work. Dress for the weather. Please bring gloves and tools (rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows-if you have them!) Make sure you have your name on your tools!

HH Garden Contact: Nancy Glick at nmglick1@gmail.com

Northwest Crossing Community Garden - 2019 Information

About the Gardens:

- NWX Community Garden is located on Discovery Park Drive, near the dog park in the NWX neighborhood of Bend. The Garden is on property owned Bend Park & Recreation District, and is managed by OSU Master Gardener Volunteers.
- Cost of a raised bed (4' x 10') is \$30 (\$25 for seniors age 65+)
- Each bed has microsprayers. The time they come on and the length of time they run is controlled automatically and is adjusted continually throughout the season to compensate for weather.
- All beds are assigned to an OSU Master Gardener Volunteer who acts as a mentor.

- Garden classes are provided throughout the gardening season at Northwest Crossing Community Garden. See the [COMGA](#) or [OSU/Deschutes County Extension website](#) for information and the schedule for 2019.

About Getting a Garden Plot at Northwest Crossing Community Garden:

Renting a garden bed at NorthWest Crossing Community Garden (NWXC) will be done by a lottery. Returning gardeners in good standing will keep the plots they rented the previous year. **All wishing to participate in the lottery must register by email to: gocomga@gmail.com** Please email your contact information: full name, phone number and email address, and type NWXC in the subject line of the email.



LOTTERY opens February 1st and closes April 15th

- Individual names of registered participants will be put on a lottery numbered ticket. OSU Master Gardeners will draw the tickets one by one, and list in numerical order. The number of plots available will determine the number of successful lottery winners.
- Each winner will be notified within 3 days of this lottery via email, indicating their status.
- An email of the NWXC garden plot map with their assigned plot notated will be sent to lottery winners.
- Once names are chosen for the available plots, the remaining participants will be placed on a *waiting list*. (Many times plots become available during the growing season. The wait list will also be notified by email.)

NWXC Opening Day: Saturday, April 27, 2019 @ 9:00 am, rain or shine at the garden

- Each gardener will register, and pay the rental fee of \$30 (or \$25.00 for seniors)
- **Checks made out to COMGA, or cash will be accepted.**

NWXC CLOSING DAY: Saturday, OCTOBER 5, 2019 @ 9:00 A.M. rain or shine at the garden

NWXC Garden Contact: Gary Weber gocomga@gmail.com