

Community Garden Organizations and Forums on the WWW

Community Gardens Forum

<http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/commgard/>

This forum is meant for the discussion of all aspects of organizing and participating in community gardens.

American Community Gardening Association

<http://communitygarden.org/>

The Mission of the American Community Gardening Association is to build community by increasing and enhancing community gardening and greening across the United States and Canada.

<http://www.communitygarden.org/learn/starting-a-community-garden.php>

This fact sheet is designed to give many different groups the basic information they need to get their gardening project off the ground. These lists are in no way meant to be complete. Each main idea will probably trigger more questions, so an assortment of ways to carry out that idea are presented; pick and choose those that seem to apply to your own situation.

The Los Angeles Community Garden Council

<http://lagardencouncil.org/about/>

The mission of The Los Angeles Community Garden Council (a non-profit corporation) is to connect people with community garden space in their neighborhood. We are a group of community gardeners who work together to try to solve common problems. Council members each provide the services that they are best equipped to, and coordinate their efforts to accomplish our mission. Community gardens and the LACGC work together to build and manage, advocate and celebrate. Meetings of the LACGC are held each month at a different garden around the Los Angeles County.

San Luis Obispo Community Gardens

<http://www.slocity.org/parksandrecreation/commgarden.asp>

San Luis Obispo has four community gardens sites with over 100 plots available for City residents to lease. Newspaper Article re: SLO Rotary Community Garden

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2010/07/06/1205246/rotary-clubs-create-community.html>

Community Gardening Success Factors - Australia

<http://communitygardenswa.org.au/media/articles/Resources---Resources-To-Download/Community-Gardening-Success-Factors.pdf>

There is a kind of magic that happens in a great community garden; but the ‘how to’ of creating such a garden is not all smoke and mirrors. This resource offers insights into nine key factors that help grow successful community gardens (the 9Ps) and provides tips to assist you in establishing or maintaining a vibrant and viable community garden in your local area.

The Dirty Dozen: Your Guide to a Successful Community Garden, Portland Oregon

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/44516883/The-Dirty-Dozen-Your-Guide-to-a-Successful-Community-Garden-Portland-Oregon>

Use this practical guide to lead you on your way to a successful community garden. You can get started with just one person who is committed to manage the garden, and some land with a water source to hook up a hose...

Gardening Matters!

<http://www.gardeningmatters.org/resources/coordinating.html>

Although this organization is in the Minneapolis/St Paul area and the actual “gardening” issues are very different, the mission of *Gardening Matters* it to provide training and resources to support community gardeners in creating gardens that are successful and sustainable.

They do this by connecting gardeners to each other (no better resource than each other!) by hosting the community gardener listserv ([COMGAR](#)) where gardeners share opportunities and advice. They provide online [factsheets](#) for tips gathered from gardeners locally and nationally on community garden topics!

They work with local groups to make the community more livable and more resilient, building community through enhancing community food systems.

...because *Gardening Matters!*

Advocates for Urban Agriculture

<http://groups.google.com/group/advocates-for-urban-agriculture>

Compiled responses: successful and unsuccessful community gardening strategies across USA

Community Gardens: Lessons Learned From California Healthy Cities and Communities

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1447988/>

Successful community gardens were developed by many cities incorporating local leadership and resources, volunteers and community partners, and skills-building opportunities for participants. Through community garden initiatives, cities have enacted policies for interim land and complimentary water use, improved access to produce, elevated public consciousness about public health, created culturally appropriate educational and training materials, and strengthened community building skills.

Boston Natural Areas Network

http://www.bostonnatural.org/cgOr_EssentialComponents.htm

Boston Natural Areas Network (BNAN), organized in 1977, works to preserve, expand and improve urban open space through community organizing, acquisition, ownership, programming, development and management of special kinds of urban land –

Other Resources on the WWW

Rotary Clubs

http://www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/news/pages/100810_news_startacommunitygarden.aspx

Short interview article about rotary club with no previous gardening experience starting and operating a community garden

UC Davis Arboretum

<http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/>

The Arboretum gardens are open 24 hours a day, every day of the year, and there is no charge for admission. The Arboretum has something for everyone

Arboretum All-Stars

http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/arboretum_all_stars.aspx

The horticultural staff of the UC Davis Arboretum have identified 100 tough, reliable plants that have been tested in the Arboretum, are easy to grow, don't need a lot of water, have few problems with pests or diseases, and have outstanding qualities in the garden. Many of them are California native plants and support native birds and insects. Most All-Star plants can be successfully planted and grown throughout California.