



Mukilteo Community Garden Newsletter

Our Mission: To grow a healthy community through gardening
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Calendar

- 2/23/19 - Opening the Garden Work Party - tentatively - (10 am)
- 3/2/18, 3/16/18, & 3/24/19 - Bed Renter Orientations (10 am)
- 3/9/19 - Seeding Work Party - tentatively - (10 am)

2019 Bed Rentals

It's that time of year again. All current bed renters watch for an email from the Mukilteo Community Garden requesting your interest in renting a bed again in 2019. You have until February 28th to let Gloria know if you are interested.

Then mark your calendars for the **Bed Renter Orientations** on March 2, 16, and 24 at 10 am in the Garden. It is mandatory that all bed renters attend one of the orientations. At the orientation you will:

- Pay the annual rental fee for your bed
- Sign-up for your volunteer hours
- Review / sign necessary documents
- Learn about the exciting changes happening in the garden and learn how you can get involved!

H&R Block Donation

EXCITING NEWS – Mukilteo Community Garden is teaming with H&R Block again this year. With every new client who files their 2018 taxes with H&R Block or Block Advisors and presents the attached coupon, \$20 will be donated to the Mukilteo Community Garden. **WOW... TELL YOUR FRIENDS.** All you have to do is download the H&R Block Coupon on the last page and take it in to any H&R Block office when having your taxes prepared. A new client is a person who did not have their taxes prepared by H&R Block or Block Advisors the prior year. The referral form must be presented prior to completion of the initial tax interview.

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Grants

In the fall of 2018, the Mukilteo Community Garden was awarded two grants. We wish to thank the City of Mukilteo and Mukilteo Kiwanis Foundation for these grants and their continued support.

- Mukilteo City Grant: The funds from this grant will be used to install irrigation to the plants along the front fence, to plant a native garden in this area, and for exterior weed control.
- Mukilteo Kiwanis Foundation: The funds from this grant will be used for the Lil & Junior Gardeners Program.

2018 MCG Year in Review

2018 was a very good year

- 1,863 lbs of fresh produce was donated to local food banks
- The new front façade was completed by the restoration team
- The Lil & Junior Gardeners Program was started
- Outreach Activities in 2018 included:
 - Kiwanis work party
 - Boeing work parties
 - 2 Fresh Fruit & Veggie drives at QFC (the spring drive was extremely successful with 683 lbs donated by the community to the Mukilteo food bank)
 - 2 Ace Hardware Community events
 - MCG sponsored the Mommy Hut at the Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival
 - Mukilteo Memory Care came to the garden a few times for an afternoon outing and picnic
 - Nature Together Preschool held classes at the garden

Lil' & Junior Gardeners Program

With such a successful year in 2018 the Lil' & Junior Gardeners will be back in 2019! Stephanie Casino is considering making some changes to the program in 2019.

- Split the Junior vs. Lil gardeners so activities are more age appropriate
- Have Mariner High School students help out
- Start the program later in the year

The curriculum and dates for the 2019 season are in work. **Stay Tuned!**

Anyone interested in helping with the Program, please contact us by emailing: admin@mukilteogarden.org

2019 Events

2019 will be a busy year. Mark your calendars for these coming events.

- Mar 2nd, 16th and 24th – **Bed Renter Orientations**
- Feb 23rd – **Opening the garden work party** (tentatively) – some early work needs to be done to get the garden ready for the 2019 season.
- Apr 20th – **Kiwanis Work Party** - the Mukilteo Kiwanis and Key Club will be helping with the opening the garden for the season. Come out and help to get the giving garden ready for the 2019 growing season!

- Apr 27th – **Boeing Work Party** – tentative
- Apr 28th– **QFC Fresh Fruit & Veggie Drive** - The Mukilteo Community Garden will be collecting donations of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables at the QFC located at 11700 Mukilteo Speedway. All donations will be delivered to the Mukilteo Food Bank. Look for our booth and come out and donate or just say hi.
- Jul 20th & 21st – **Mukilteo Garden & Quilt Tour** - Your senses will be delighted by 100 creative quilts on display in 8 distinctive gardens! This Tour is co-sponsored by Mukilteo Lighthouse Quilters and the Mukilteo Way Garden Club.
- July 27th – **10th Anniversary Open House** –Come help the garden celebrate 10 years of giving.
- September 6th – 8th – **Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival** – The Mukilteo Community Garden will once again be sponsoring the Mommy Hut - a clean, safe, quiet place where parents can take care of their little ones needs.

And of course the Saturday and Wednesday Work Parties will be starting up soon!

Garden News

February is a great time to get your garden started - indoors of course! Some things you can be doing indoors now are:

- Plan your garden for success. Review your garden notes from last year to pick the winners and eliminate the losers. Or try something totally new just for the fun of it this year.
 - To get the most out of your garden consider succession planting. One approach is repeated sowings of a single short season crop (like radishes, lettuce, or scallions). Once you have finished harvesting, remove the spent plant, refresh the soil, and replant.
 - Another method to succession planting is to plant cool season crops (like radishes, peas and spinach) in your bed in the early spring, then in May and June plant warm season crops (like tomatoes, peppers and eggplant) in the same spot.
- Inventory/replenish your seed supply and organize your seed starting supplies. You'll want clean out your used pots (with a 10% bleach solution) and clean and sharpen your tools.

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