



POCG Newsletter



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Garden Season is Near!

The 2016 garden season is fast approaching. With some slight changes this year, we will have a banner year out at the garden.

My name is Sarah Stenerson. I am your 2016 Garden Coordinator. I will be taking care of the day-to-day operations out at the garden. Abby Gold will be handling registration and administrative tasks. Deanna Schwehr is the volunteer coordinator. She will help assist with the volunteer opportunities at the garden.

One new thing we'd like to try is a mentorship program for new gardeners. Our new gardeners often times have questions or need help. This is a great way to keep our gardeners coming back and gain the knowledge and experience needed to have a happy, healthy organic garden. See more about this in this newsletter.

Spring clean-up is in the not-so-distant future. We hope to have a big clean-up day including cleaning, repairs, and a bonfire. Stay-tuned for more info!

I can't wait to dig in and get my hands dirty in the garden! I hope to see you all out there soon!

Sarah Stenerson, Garden Coordinator



Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are the seeds, The harvest can be either flowers or weeds.
~Author Unknown

Garden Registration

This year's returning gardener registration will be by snail mail or through hand delivery of the contract and payment to Abby Gold. Plot assignment will be based on availability. You will have until **March 20th** to register. If we don't receive your registration by that date you will need to come in-person to the new garden registration.

Those who do not have any recorded **volunteer times** for 2015 will not be allowed to register by mail, they will be required to attend the new gardener registration(s). The contract is explicit about volunteer hours being recorded in order to count. Luckily, any recorded hours will be counted for registering as a returning gardener. Those who haven't volunteered at all will be asked to pay the \$20 volunteer buy-out for last year before they will be assigned a plot.

New gardener registration will take place Sunday, April 3rd from 1pm—3pm and Monday, April 4th from 5pm—7pm at the Moorhead Center Mall.

Abby Gold, Registration & Garden Liaison to Probstfield Farm

Work, through the
summer golden,
And through the
autumn's glow, Till
the months lay down
their burden In the
full garden's
guerdon, And earth,
once more enfolden,
Sleeps warm
beneath the snow.

~Frederick Frye
Rockwell



The best fertilizer is the gardener's shadow.

~Author Unknown

New Gardener Mentorship Program

Our beginner gardeners are looking for some guidance! We would like to provide an opportunity for our new gardeners to ask questions, learn, and gain knowledge from our experienced gardeners. Details still need to be worked out and we are open to ideas and/or suggestions.

I'm looking for the beginner gardeners and experienced gardeners to make this work. If you are interested in being a part of this program, please contact Garden Coordinator Sarah Stenerson at pocgcoordinator@probstfieldfarm.org.

Lets help these new gardeners become the best they can be!

Seed Swap - April 3rd & 4th

Bring your extra seeds! We will be hosting a seed swap at new gardener registration on Sunday, April 3rd from 1pm—3pm and Monday, April 4th from 5pm—7pm. Bring your extra seeds to share so you can trade with someone else. This is open to anyone. Organic and heirloom seeds is preferred since we are an organic garden. Any questions, contact volunteer coordinator Deanna at deanna.schwehr@hotmail.com.

**"In order to live off a garden, you practically have to live in it."
~Frank McKinney Hubbard**

Garden Rules Reiterated

Here are a few garden reminders for the upcoming season. Please keep this in mind while planning.

- No driving on muddy roads (Reason: prevents deep grooves in roadways)
- No borders or fences around plots, this includes stakes with rope or string tied around (Reason: prevents weed growth around borders and allows for precision mowing)
- No chemicals unless OMRI labeled (Reason: Probstfield is an organic garden)
- No winter storage of materials in tree line on north side of garden (Reason: prevents garbage from building up)



If I finish my day with no garden dirt under my fingernails and nothing new learned, it is a day wasted!

~Valerie Clague

Opportunities for 2016

We are also looking into a few other opportunities for members at the garden. Such as:

- Produce exchange—for extras/shortages you may have
- Garden Tours—for the public and our members. Show off your plot!

If you are interested in participating or organizing any of these opportunities, please let Garden Coordinator Sarah Stenerson know. pocgcoordinator@probstfieldfarm.org

Seed Starts by Legacy Gardens

Hello Gardeners!

Legacy Gardens is gearing up for another season of growing those great veggies and herbs that you all are looking for! We will again be offering to you the service of growing your plant starts in our greenhouse and having them ready for you when the heat and sun are ready for them this spring! Attached you will find our order form. Please know that with the exception of seed packets (we buy in bulk and will gladly share!) pricing is not so easy. There are several variables that we take into account: how tall the plant is, the size of the container, and the quantity of your order. Items may range from \$.50 to \$5.00 (8" pots). We will guarantee the best price around for what you get and the knowledge that it was started naturally!

If you have already bought your seeds and would like us to start them for you we will do that as well. Simply get in touch with us and let us know what you would like us to do! We will charge you as we would for what we do above.

So print the order form. Look it over. Don't see what you're looking for? Let us know! We might just have it but didn't have space to put it on. Order forms can be emailed back to us or snail mailed to us—whatever works! The following email address may be used to send us your order form or ask us questions: legacygardens13@gmail.com.

Randy and I look forward to being a part of your gardening experience!
Toni Bach, Legacy Gardens

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering at the gardens is a part of the contract each year. A minimum of 4 hours are required each year or you must pay a \$20 opt-out fee. Be sure to track your hours in the garden shed! We have variety of tasks to help with at the garden. A few tasks included are:

- Plot marking
- General cleanup
- Pumpkin/squash patch assistance (planting, weeding, selling)
- Flower box maintenance (planting & weeding)
- Event planning/participation (Sunday Supper)
- Mentorship Program
- Others as assigned

If you see something that needs to be done, do it! If you can't, please let Deanna know so we can ensure it does get taken care of at deanna.schwehr@hotmail.com.

Quotes provided by: <http://www.quote花园.com/gardens.html>



Life's a garden — dig it. ~Author Unknown

"To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves." ~Mahatma Gandhi



Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes. ~Author Unknown

Probstfield Organic Community Garden

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www.facebook.com/groups/374852801197/

Our Mission:

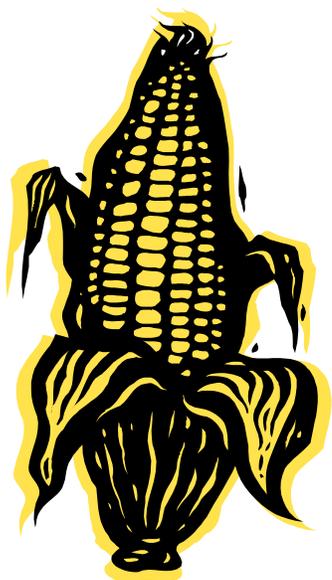
*We are not only gardeners, but stewards of the land.
We are deeply committed to the past, present, and future of organic, diversified farming and its message of hope for a sustainable future for all.*

One of the Probstfield Farm Living History Foundation's goals is to transform the homestead and land into a living history farm. As gardeners on this historic land, we are proud to be the first part of that dream. We honor the Probstfield family's legacy as we are living history, growing a bounty of food on the land as the Probstfield family once did.



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*One of the healthiest ways to gamble
is with a spade and a package of
garden seeds.*

~Dan Bennett

Probstfield Farm Living History Foundation

As gardeners, you are also members of the Probstfield Farm Living History Foundation (PFLHF). A historic landmark, such as Probstfield Farm, offers the potential to change the community for generations of children, students, and adults alike. Probstfield Farm consists of 118 acres of land containing historic buildings, conventional croplands, organic gardens, a portion of the Red River Valley Cart Trail, and a classic steamboat landing; in general, a wealth of historical and educational opportunities. PFLHF has the vision to become a self-sustaining living history farm. The conversion of a small farmstead into a successful educational museum and living history farm is a multi-step process. Probstfield Farm is only 3 miles from the centers of Downtown Fargo and Moorhead. As farming in the late 1800's did not include the use of chemical fertilizers or pesticides, the community garden, Legacy Gardens (operated by Randy and Toni Bach), and the U Pick Heirloom Squash and Pumpkin Patch demonstrate how farming was successful without some of the "modern" chemical tools.

Please join us this year for our many great events which include: the Annual Spring Picnic, the U Pick Heirloom Pumpkin and Squash Patch, the Fall Harvest Festival, and the Fall Probstfield Farm Sunday Supper. You can either volunteer at the events or participate with your family and friends to enjoy the fun. Either way, as a volunteer or participant, you will feel wonderful participating in Probstfield Farm's many events and creating community around sharing healthy food that is a part of the Red River Valley's rich agricultural heritage.



Order Form

Name _____

Phone _____ Text -OK? _____

Email _____

PLANT VARIETALS

H= heirloom How many?

BASIL

Cinnamon _____
 Dark Purple _____
 Genovese _____
 Herb Mix _____
 Italian Large _____
 Licorice _____
 Opal _____
 Red Velvet _____
 Thai _____
 Summer Long _____
 Sweet Sunrise _____

BROCCOLI

Calabrese _____
 Waltham _____

BRUSSEL SPROUTS

Long Island _____

CABBAGE

Brunswick _____
 Crisp n Cool _____
 Danish Balhead _____
 Famosa _____
 Red Acre _____
 Ruby Perfection _____
 Savoy _____

CAULIFLOWER

Snowball _____

EGGPLANT

Black Beauty _____
 Diamond _____
 Purple Italian _____

FLOWERS

Marigolds _____
 Nasturium (Impress of India) _____
 Zinnia _____

HERBS

Fennel _____
 Oregano _____

KOHLRABI

Early White _____
 Purple _____

ONIONS

Bunching _____
 Sets _____

PEPPERS

Antohi Romanian _____
 California Wonder _____
 Carmen _____
 Cayenne, Joe's Long _____
 Colossal _____
 Early Summer _____
 Horizon _____
 Jalepeno _____
 Keystone Giant _____
 King of the North _____
 Lilac _____
 Olympus _____
 Red Cherry _____
 Sweet Sunrise _____

TOMATOES

Amish Paste -H _____
 Beefstake -H _____
 Bellstar _____
 Better Boy _____
 Brandywine-H _____
 Black Tula _____
 Caro Rich _____
 Carolina Gold _____
 Celebrity _____
 Dakota Sport _____
 Dixie Golden _____
 Early Girl _____
 Grape _____
 Indigo Rose _____
 Juliet _____
 Large Cherry _____
 Rutgers _____
 San Marzano-H _____
 Silvery Fir _____
 Tigerella _____
 Wisconsin _____

SEED PACKETS \$1/EACH

Beets _____
 Cucumber _____
 Carrots _____
 Scarlet Nantes _____
 Danvers Half Long _____
 Red Core Chantenay _____
 Cantaloupe _____
 Dill _____
 Green Beans _____
 Golden Rush _____
 Masai _____
 Herbs _____
 Call for varieties _____
 Kale _____
 Kohlrabi _____
 Early White _____
 Purple Vienna _____
 Lettuce-multiple varieties _____
 Radish _____
 Spinach _____
 Squash _____
 Acom _____
 Buttercup _____
 Butternut _____
 Watermelon _____

Our prices will range from \$0.50 - \$5.00 based on size of the plant and quantity! The more you order the better the pricing will be! Some are in flats, some in six packs, most are in 3" pots and 4" pots. A few are in 8" deep pots.

Questions or concerns may be emailed to us at:

legacygardens13@gmail.com