



Projects and Chairs 2023-24

PROJECT:	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:	CHAIRS & EMAILS:
Community Outreach Gardens	Supports our community garden partners and food pantry gardens that donate food to local food pantries. Help teach classes.	Beula Dvorak bdvorak4@aol.com
Expanding Our Reach	Coordinates our outreach efforts at local farmers markets, media opportunities, local events, submitting articles to the press, KCRG news.	MG Coordinator
Garden Walk	Four gardens are toured by the public every other July with many learning activities planned at each location.	Kim Becicka kim.becicka@gmail.com Chrissy Sweeney chrissy.littler@gmail.com
Germinator	Writes, lays out, and edits our monthly newsletter that highlights our activities.	Julie Stark crgardengal@gmail.com Kathy Hughes hughesydoozey@yahoo.com
Hortline Linn County Extension Office	Research and answer gardening and other horticultural questions from callers, emails, and walk-ins.	Doug Smith ufulu@aol.com Donna McCabe dmccabe1150@yahoo.com
Low Park Demo Gardens 4500 N. 10 th St. Marion	Design and plan, plant, and maintain the plants for each themed demo garden. Coordinate your team of volunteers that will also help.	Laurie Azelline lauriea1518@gmail.com
Low Park Greenhouse 4500 N. 10 th St. Marion	Work in the greenhouse where plants are grown for our food pantry gardens, the plant sale, and for the Marion Parks Department.	Phil Pfister ppfister47@gmail.com Brenda Van Gorp bbgarbe@hotmail.com
Marion Seed Library Marion Public Library	Maintain the seed bank at the Marion Public library. Reach out to seed companies for donations.	Peggy Patters pelypat@aol.com Megan Lebeda meganlebeda@gmail.com
Mercy Family Caregivers Center 901 8 th Ave. SE Cedar Rapids	Plan activities for the people that use the Mercy Hospital Family Caregiver's Center.	Diane Wiesenfeld dianewiesenfeld@gmail.com Cindy Fagan cfagan1@live.com
Monarch Research Station 4970 Lakeside Rd. Marion	Plant and maintain gardens at the Monarch Research Station and provide learning opportunities about monarchs and pollinators.	Sue Murphy smurphy895@aol.com Wanda Ohrt wanda.ohrt@gmail.com
NewBo Market Gardens 1100 3 rd St. SE Cedar Rapids	Plant and maintain the gardens at NewBo City Market. Donate produce to the Metro Catholic Charities food pantry.	Denise Klemp denisek1627@gmail.com Peggy Pearson peggyapearson@gmail.com
Noelridge Park Herb Garden 4000 Council St. NE Cedar Rapids	Plant and maintain the demonstration herb garden in Noelridge Park.	Linda Hinzman linnieza@aol.com Wanda Lunn w.lunn@mchsi.com

PROJECT:	DESCRIPTION:	LEADS & EMAILS:
Free Little Greenhouse tbd	Equitably share houseplants with the community. Maintain the donated plants/propagations and provide educational publications and materials	Megan Lebeda meganlebeda@gmail.com Claire Tupper clairemarietup@gmail.com
Plant Sale Lowe Park 4500 N. 10 th St. Marion	Coordinate all of the growing and donating of plants for the annual plant sale held in May. Coordinate the plant sale.	Karen Woeste hab319kiowa@gmail.com Phil Pfister ppfister47@gmail.com
Gardening with Youth Linn County Extension	Plan and teach the School Gardens 101 curriculum in June to area teachers and interested individuals.	Deanna Thursby dbthursby@mchsi.com Sam Krumbholz samkrumbholz@yahoo.com
Speakers Bureau	Recruit speakers for Library Talks and speaking engagements throughout the community.	Deb Walser wadeborah@mchsi.com Cindy Lehman leh120653a@gmail.com
Volunteer Celebration	Plan annual celebration event for major awards and graduation of MG Trainees, plan events for Volunteer Appreciation week in April.	Kim Becicka Kim.becicka@gmail.com Beula Dvorak bdvorak4@aol.com
Winter Gardening Fair Kirkwood Regional Center 1770 Boyson Rd. Hiawatha	Plan the annual WGF held in February that offers over 70 classes to the public.	Heather Robertson heather2433robertson@gmail.com Dyan Anderson dyanderson3@gmail.com

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