It turns out that community gardening during a global pandemic is not much different than gardening in good times: neighbors work alongside one another tending their plots, looking forward to a pantry and freezer full of food that will nourish their families through the long winter months. And while it wasn’t that different, it felt so much more important! We were all grateful to have an opportunity to do something that felt “normal” in the midst of uncertainty.

Please enjoy the photos on the following pages! All of them were taken by our multitalented community gardeners, with photo credits provided under each image.

In 2021, we look forward to creating new ways to connect with our community and more efficient ways to use our human and natural resources to grow healthy food and build a more resilient community.

Katie

2020 board of directors Tony Erba, Katie Hancock, Candis Hankins, Mollie Kreb, Monte Lewis, Liz Schneller, Kathy Teasdale, Greg Townsend
Over 50 households grew some of their own food in the Community Garden. With hand sanitizing stations and masks in place, it was awesome to have a place to be outside among friends.

Over 2,000 pounds of fresh, organic produce from the Growing Together Garden was donated to the Cable Area Food Shelf and Free Food Mondays. Thanks to all of the volunteers who made this possible!

Kids of all ages enjoyed getting outside to help in the garden. Volunteers also set up the irrigation system, mowed the garden paths, and mended fences to keep the gardens fully operational.

Native plant gardens provide habitat and food for all kinds of pollinators. The bees in the Community Apiary helped to pollinate our fruit trees, berries, and vegetable gardens!

Known as the “fab four”, our summer interns kept the farm looking good, monitored the sanitization stations, and ran the Farmers Market stand all summer.

A fundraising event called Get Outside for Local Food encouraged our community to get some exercise while supporting local restaurants.
The Vegetable of the Year campaign, supported by our Local Business Heroes, encourages people to grow some of their own food. This year's vegetable was the radish! Thanks to Mimi Crandall, who used watercolors to create the image entitled “First Up, Radish!”

This year’s award-winning photo of a blackburnian warbler was submitted Emily Stone. Congratulations!

Where birds thrive, people prosper. Our community can provide important habitat for native birds. In turn, birds offer us a richer, more beautiful, and healthful place to live.

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