

Community Garden Project: MAUDLIN MATILDA MCEWEN COMMUNITY GARDEN

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- March 2026: HCCA Treasurer informs us of a balance of \$1,016.95 in our account.
- April 2026: confirmation of a full complement of ten gardeners returning for this, our 7th gardening season.
- May 8, 2026: online meeting to review expectations and to remind members of plot payments and HCCA membership renewal to do; a request for everyone to check the status of their plot's wood frames and report back as to the need (or not) to have them replaced
- May 19 – 25: All gardeners have paid their \$30 plot fee and renewed their annual HCCA membership as needed.
- May 23, 2026: First collective work bee at our garden to clean out and reorganize the shed, set up rain barrels, dismantle and dispose of rotting wood from garden box made from a wood pallet seven years ago, digging up a brand new veggie bed there and a little further south along the east fence, where we will sow pumpkin seeds, cleaning out debris from window well planter box and planting herb seeds there, removing all dry stems from pollinator garden and adding them to our collection of 'brown stuff' for our composter barrels, putting up the Maudlin Matilda McEwen mural on the south wall of the shed, sawing off a double trunk from the spruce tree that we had planted six years ago at the north end of our garden plots, sowing seeds in the two boxes against the north side of the shed, putting up three pumpkin weighing guess contest signs along the outside east fence of our garden, filling and emptying out the garbage can in the shed, filling and taking away brown garden waste bags, doing a general grounds clean up, seeding our individual plots and even a bit of socializing. Seven out of ten gardeners were available, plus one significant other, making the shared work load light. We established that three of the plots need new wood frames, for which Christine will arrange to go see the cedar, rough hewn 2 X 6 inches planks from a nearby entrepreneur, before purchasing them.
- End of May – early November, 2026: Gardeners will be actively tending to their own plots and contributing as per weekly schedule to the shared responsibilities of composting, watering the pollinator garden, cleaning out rain barrel filters, weeding between plots and center aisle, picking up any litter on the grounds, checking the herb garden to remove weeds or to take herbs for home cuisine.