

One Year Anniversary

May 2019



The Lewes Community Garden is thriving. Our progress would not have been possible without tremendous community support and encouragement

Thank you all

June 2020





Message from Perrin Smith, Chairperson

Good news! The Lewes Community Garden is thriving. Looking back at one year ago, it is hard to believe how much the Garden has grown. This progress would not have been possible without the early support we received from the community. We want to take this moment to thank you all, and to share the Garden's progress with you.

We broke ground at the end of May 2019, and built our first ten garden beds June 7th. Over the past year we've doubled the number of garden beds and gardeners, held our first public workshop, improved our ability to grow produce for donation, and begun work on public demonstration gardens "outside the fence". In May and June of 2020 we have already donated over 88 pounds of organic produce to the Community Resource Center.

The pandemic has brought significant changes in how we operate, but has not changed what we do. Our mission is to provide accessible garden opportunities for all ages, teach organic garden practices, share knowledge and friendship, and give back to the larger community. The Community Garden is indeed a community effort. Thanks for being part of it.

Garden Progress in Pictures



May 2019

Special thanks to these volunteers who played crucial roles in the initial building of the Garden:

- Sumner Crosby
- Steve and Judy Denver
- Steve Gruchacz



Building first beds



July 2019

Weeds & critter guards



WATER!!





October 2019
Partial season celebration



November 2019

Adding more beds



First Year Accomplishments

- Doubled the number of garden beds
- Brought in new gardeners
- Held a public workshop on Lasagna Gardening
- Streamlined our beds set aside for donation
- Began work on native gardens “outside the fence”
- Built and launched website



Purple Martin house



Lasagna Gardening Workshop with
Karen Wilkens, Master Gardener



Native Gardens Outside the Fence

2020 Stats:

- 30 families
- 3 volunteers (minimized due to COVID 19)
- 8 community sponsored beds
- 5 rented 4x16 garden beds
- 22 rented 4x8 garden beds



COVID 19 Impact

The pandemic has brought significant changes. We made a commitment to continue the Garden this year, feeling we could contribute to the wellbeing of the community by offering a safe outdoor activity while also providing a source of fresh produce to families in need.

In March, following a strict protocol for social distancing, we built four new garden beds, and began planting our five dedicated “community beds” (beds used strictly to produce vegetables for donation).

Twelve new gardeners and their families joined the LCG this spring. Due to the pandemic, each new gardener was given an individual orientation. By the end of April all the forty 4x8 garden beds were planted. We made our first donation to the Community Resource Center on April 28th. Our weekly donations include organic produce as well as non-perishable food and masks.



Social distance building



We've moved LOTS of mulch



Two families rented beds in 2020



Plant Swap Day with social distancing



Planting beds for community donations



Lewes Community Garden Wish List

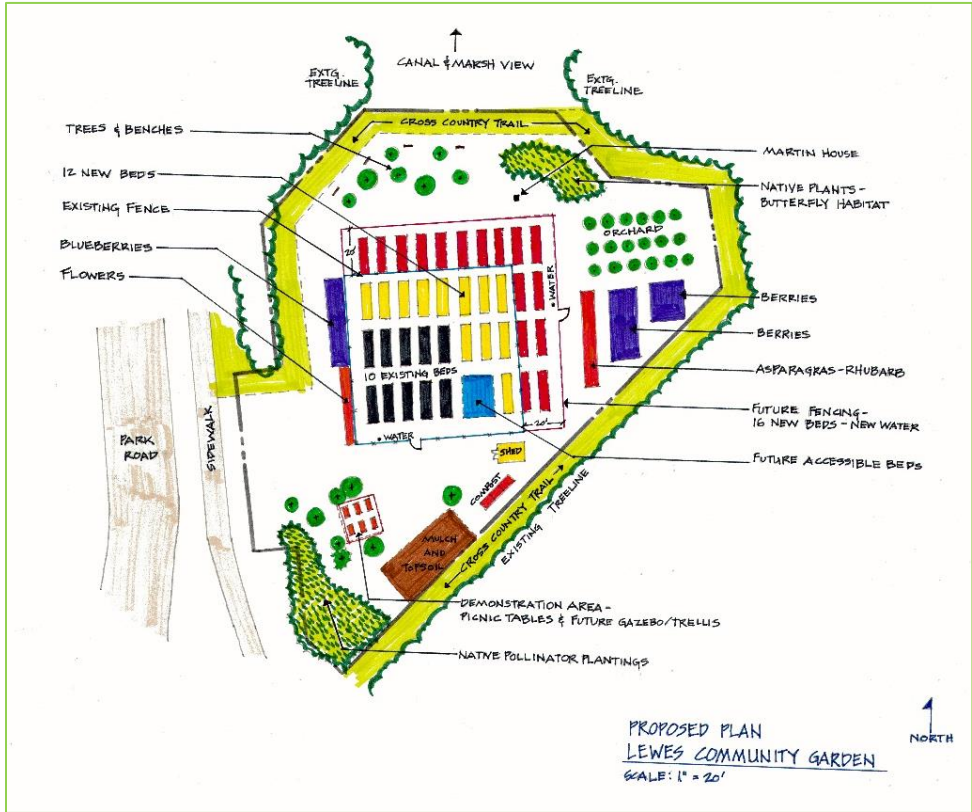
- Permanent fence
- Separate fenced area for fruit & berries
- Pavilion
- Table beds & ADA compliant path to the garden
- Wild flower/pollinator/native plant areas



Examples of weekly donations



Our Master Garden Plan



Our Mission:

The Lewes Community Garden mission is to create a sustainable community garden in the greater Lewes DE area by sharing knowledge, experience, and friendship. The goal is to provide accessible garden opportunities for all ages and abilities. Members use organic practices to maintain the garden where we learn from each other, grow nutritious food, and share with the larger community.

The LCG Board

- Ana Dittel
- Linda Dylla
- Patrick Gaffney
- Kathryn Harris
- Cathy Harris
- Janice Hillman
- Barbee Kiker
- Kathryn Marsh
- Lou Papp
- Perrin Smith
- Gary Stokes
- Michael Whitehouse



Back row: Perrin, Lou, Michael, Barbee, Patrick, Cathy
Kneeling: Kathryn, Janice Missing: Ana, Kathryn, Linda, Gary
Groundbreaking 2019 - Before COVID

Founding Donors

AccuTrench
City of Lewes
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Dogfish Head Beer & Benevolence
Fiskars
Gallo Gives
Grizzly's Landscaping
Harry Caswell Plumbing
Marmot Foundation
Sussex County Council
The Steward Foundation

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teacher
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Mike Wasylkowski Extension
Educator
Greater Lewes Foundation
Hattie's Garden
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Sussex County Master Gardeners
Village Improvement Association
Village Volunteers

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Patio Systems
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Sposato Landscaping

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