

A Community Garden Update

April was all about getting a garden at all. We had been growing the seedlings on light shelves on the main floor for over a month. We got them into buckets and into the straw bales mid month and put them out. Planting the seedlings indoors a little earlier than usual gave us a head start and we had a fairly mature garden from the get go. Our Grand Opening was on the 26th and was attended by a little over 20 people. Those that came were enthusiastic and engaged. We also have two worm composting bins. Attached are some pictures of the garden.

As far as programming, We had our first two before the opening, Bucket Gardening 101 and The Wonders Of Worm Poop of which the stats were already reported. They were also in the neighborhood of around 20 folks attending.

I am currently working on getting more programming and learning to promote them better. I am doing a small children's program on Friday the 30th of May after the story time. It will be a Quick tour of the garden and a picture quiz where they can try to guess which bugs are bad for the plants and which are beneficial and why. Then a quick viewing of a worm composting bin. I might name it The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Creepy Crawlies in the Garden.

The next day, Saturday the 31st, I will be doing a Program called "100° Tomatoes" . It's about growing tomatoes in the record breaking heat we have had the last two summers.

I pitched the garden at the Downtown growers market in an outreach with Shauna from Special Collections. Shauna kept the count and I have forgotten what it was. I have also been attending meetings of the Bernalillo County Urban Agriculture Group for the last several months and hosted one of the meetings at our garden.

That's about it for now.

Thanks,

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