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# We're Growing!

## **Current Interfaith Garden Faith Community Partners**

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> ...we'd love to add your faith community to the list!

Our partners make both financial and volunteer commitments to our work. If you are involved with a community organization interested in partnering with us, please email: interfaithgarden@gmail.com

# **LEXINGTON** INTERFAITH GARDEN

LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

"GROWING GOOD FOOD FOR GOOD NEIGHBORS"



### "Growing Good Food for Good Neighbors"

Lexington's Interfaith Garden, located near the Battle Green in Lexington Center, donates all of its produce to local food pantries and hunger relief programs. The Lexington Food Pantry has been the primary beneficiary of the Garden. Volunteers of all ages from the community work and learn together while planting, tending and harvesting organically grown produce. We are also building meaningful relationships as we work together to provide good food to those in need.

### **Volunteers**

"Even in Lexington, there are people struggling. The pantry distributes food to about 70 - 75 families every week."

Carolyn Wortman,Food Pantry Coordinator

Volunteers are the key to the Interfaith Garden's success, providing the energy and enthusiasm required to organize and tend the garden from April until November.

Working Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings for about an hour and a half, they are directed by Carla Fortmann, the head gardener, who has over 30 years of organic gardening experience.

The Interfaith Garden provides a unique learning experience for our volunteers, who not only learn about gardening, but also build strong relationships with other members of the community.





### **Experience the Garden...**

"Each day Carla took us on a tour of the garden, serving to remind us how much can change in a short time. We were challenged to find asparagus spears. I thought they looked like soldiers standing at attention."

- Amy Swanson, Hancock UCC

"Things I love about the Interfaith Garden are the chances to reconnect with old friends from other congregations and to make new ones."

- Barbara Munkres, Pilgrim Congregational Church

"By 9:00 some 24 pounds of produce were harvested and delivered to the food pantry (peas, beets, lettuce, cauliflower, herbs)...The sun shone, the chickens clucked and all was right with the garden."

- Janet Lane, Follen Community Church

### All are Welcome

Each season over 500 volunteer spots need to be filled. We have welcomed Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, youth groups, environmental interns and students seeking community service hours. Some come one time; others sign up more regularly. We are grateful for any amount of time that volunteers can offer.

If you would like to get on our schedule as an individual or as part of a group, please email **interfaithgarden@gmail.com**.

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