

2024 SCG Survey Results by Question

How would you rate your garden success this year? (25 responses)

Great: 15.4% (4 responses)

Pretty good: 46.2% (12 responses)

Mixed: 26.9% (7 responses)

Terrible: 7.7% (1 response)

Write-in answer: Due to the untimely frosts I would say it wasn't good. But, I'm still learning. (1 response)

What were your top successes this year? (24 responses)

- No sage rats!
- Kale, chard, peas, lettuce, beans
- Tomatoes in the green house, strawberries, kale, snap peas
- Carrots, peas, beets, lettuce
- Lettuce and carrots (and the potatoes that came up from a previous gardener)
- Learning how to set up a drip system.
- lettuces, Swiss chard, rhubarb
- Good Kale, as always, and Beets.
- carrots, zucchini, beets
- mixed greens, green house tomatoes
- Blooms!
- Tomatoes and peas
- Snow Peas
- Peas, lettuce & carrots
- Warm season plants
- arugula, onions
- First year with low expectations. Sunflowers, beets, chard, kale, sweet peas and shiitake mushrooms log
- Two beds of indigo nursed through frost on either end, 5 other kinds of dye flowers meticulously harvested and dried... 🌻
- trying out different herbs to see what works, so far chamomile, mugwort and milky oats grow well.
- Tomatoes and egg plant production
- Lots of veggies and lots of friends
- Growing squash

- Carrots
- ongoing harvest late in the season with cover cloth: lettuce, garlic, peas, beets, potatoes
- garlic, carrots, beets and lettuce

What were your biggest challenges this year? (26 responses)

- Tomatoes - I'll change a few things next year
- covering with frost cloth outside, figuring out where to buy drip line and install in my bed
- tomatoes, cucumber, onions
- Adapting to the Central Oregon climate/short growing season. Did we really have an overnight freeze in July?!
- even water distribution with irrigation system
- Timing of planting and harvesting.
- aphids on cabbage, hot weather
- Greenhouse irrigation system
- The weather (frosts)
- Starting/timing for planting
- Tomatoes not producing
- frost
- Frost
- Half of bed #4 came to be matted with pigweed as if it had been planted with the stuff
- automatic watering
- Aphids and a cold snap.
- Keeping up with watering in the HEAT, getting plants to get big enough for harvest before frost. Timing of transplants. In the greenhouse, my tomatoes didn't do well, but I didn't fawn over them either.
- the heat and not getting to amending my soil as often as I would of liked.
- My hoop greenhouse didn't work very well.
- Aphids
- Planting too many squash plants creating shady areas for poor growth with some plants
- The watering system in the greenhouse was spotty. I was never sure if my plants were getting water or not unless I hand water them.
- Late start due to frost taking down emerging veggies. Too little time to garden due to site search and board activities.
- time management. getting to the garden to tend my crops

Do you plan to garden with us next year?

Yes - 80.8% (21 responses)

Maybe - 11.5% (3 responses)

No - (3.8% 1 response)

I might be getting a greenhouse so not sure yet - (3.8% 1 response)

Please mark any repairs your plot needs (17 responses)

- Problem with faucet (leaks, broken, hard to access, etc) - #44
- Problem with faucet (leaks, broken, hard to access, etc);Above ground fencing for pests needs repair - Caty Hogan's plot
- Problem with faucet (leaks, broken, hard to access, etc) - Cindy Alvarez's plot
- Hardware cloth was too shallow and needed to be repositioned to a deeper level - #29
- Problem with faucet (leaks, broken, hard to access, etc) - #12
- Plots next door to my plot unkept causing weeds and tubers to migrate to my plot - #20
- Problem with irrigation/water flow;Above ground fencing for pests needs repair - #4
- Above ground fencing for pests needs repair - #23
- Problem with faucet (leaks, broken, hard to access, etc) - #47
- Problem with irrigation/water flow;Problem with water flow for the wagon bed. It's on that outer timer that I never knew when it came on.-but it wasn't enough for my little soaker hose in the indigo so I had to hand water every other day - #7 and #45
- Jeff Tryens: Problem with faucet (leaks, broken, hard to access, etc)
- Missing plot number sign;Drip system along the wall in greenhouse - #51
- Problem with faucet (leaks, broken, hard to access, etc) - #15
- Problem with faucet (leaks, broken, hard to access, etc);Boards around bed need repair - #34

Please share any suggestions you have about how we can improve your gardening experience. This can include site improvements, workshops, social activities and more.

- workshops on how to teach people to set up their garden for the season :drip line, frost cloth, maybe even having a sale that benefits SCG with supplies
- More social activities might be nice. Understand these are hard to organize. Loved the tomato workshop!
- I think you leaders have offered a variety of workshops, social activities and more. I do feel frustrated that we cannot get rid of weeds around garden. They are an eyesore for me and I worry about the dispersal of invasive weeds all over Sisters. But with my arthritis I can no longer spend much time digging or pulling them out.
- improve the watering system in back 40
- I thought we provided a good mix of all the above.
- Names of gardeners in a plot map
- I enjoyed the workshops I was able to attend so hopefully that continues!

- Better green house watering system
- Well obviously finding a new site is up there so we can plan more long range things. I'd like to have a permanent dye plant garden as there seems to be some interest.
- Had a great experience, you guys rock.
- I'm not sure if you have this already, but I wasn't able to attend any of the work parties due to my work schedule. Is there a lists of tasks to be completed that can be posted at the garden to do at anytime?
- knowing how much to invest in improvements given out uncertain location future
- Somehow facilitate casual interactions between gardeners
- three years ago, we dug out the soil in our plot and placed hardware cloth that comes up and around the base. We are not planning on gardening there again with constraint due to travel and weather.
- More events to nurture caring relationships among gardeners for sharing knowledge, support and fun.
- a garden potluck

Would you like to organize a workshop this year?

- Leah Marsan: I'd like to try again with the herbal lung syrup workshop to prepare for wildfire season before it gets smoky. in June?
- Janie Boyl: I would like to help organize and present an irrigation workshop.

Are you interested in getting more involved with the Community Garden? We have lots of opportunities to help with the Board, fundraising, site maintenance & improvement, social activities and more. Let us know how you'd like to help below.

Tom Gonsiewski: I'd like to learn about joining the Board

Joan Blancett: I want to help with site maintenance/general projects at the garden

Jeff Tryens: I'd like more information about the new garden Site Development Committee

Leah Marsan: I can help with the herb garden, maybe adding names of the plants and educational signage?

Christina Nilsen: I want to help with site maintenance/general projects at the garden

Caty Hogan: I want to help with fundraising for the new garden site

Cindy Alvarez: Can help fundraising, social events, info about new garden site.

Tori Moray: I want to help with site maintenance/general projects at the garden

John and Karla Bailey: I want to help with site maintenance/general projects at the garden

Robert Scherer: I have a utility trailer available for hauling if needed at limited times

Karen Lord: I want to help with site maintenance/general projects at the garden

Ellen: I want to help with site maintenance/general projects at the garden

Nadine Sims: I want to help with site maintenance/general projects at the garden

Madeleine Landis: See above. I'm willing to help create a dye plant garden when we move

Anything else you'd like us to know?

Caty Hogan: I'm happy to help where I can! I have 2 small kids so sometimes it's a struggle to commit as I don't have much childcare. My oldest is in school now so I can bring my youngest in tow (2 years old)

Cindy Alvarez: Everyone was so helpful. I am hoping that we really don't have to move.

Martha Lussenhop: I just want you to know that your leadership has been superb-- co-ordinated well, applying your special skills, creating plans and communicating them well. Just wish I had more time to contribute to all the work. I'm not sure if I will have a plot next summer. We have travels planned again and I'm not really taking advantage of what I can grow in my garden. After 16 years or so since the first community garden, I may have to give up my plot. I would miss the social part of SCG, such as at work parties.

Kathy Hall: improve the watering system in back 40

Evan, Kyle, Frank: Garden activities are better organized in recent years.

John and Karla Bailey: Just how grateful to the committee we are for all your efforts!

Robin Chinburg: The board and officers are doing an amazing job!!!!

Robert Scherer: will there be a lottery for an greenhouse box?

Tommy Thompson: Is there a new garden site?

Laura Donnelly: You are an amazing organization and a wonderful group of people

Madeleine Landis: Thanks for your efforts.!

Jeff Tryens: Thanks very much for all your hard work and dedication!!!

Moniquea: I love the concept of the community garden. The short growing season is challenging though.

Tom Gonsiewski: please change the pictures on the website home page to pictures of our garden