

GUIDE TO COMMUNITY GARDENS IN MEMPHIS



The popularity of community gardens is on the rise. There are several around the city of Memphis that would love to have you volunteer. This is a great way to cultivate a green thumb while socializing with other members of the community. You may even get to enjoy the fruits of your labor by taking home some free produce. Yum!

Angelus Community Garden

52 Angelus St., Memphis, TN 38104

Residents from the neighborhood keep individual garden plots for vegetables and flowers. They work together to attend to the shared garden space. The garden features raised beds that are accessible to wheelchair users and the elderly. For more information about volunteer opportunities or donations to the garden contact Sandi Klink, 901.831.1758 or sandi@mcil.org.

Beltline Garden

Midland Ave & Boston St., Memphis, TN 38111

The Beltline Community Garden is a collaboration with Jacob's Ladder, a non-profit organization that emphasizes community building and neighborhood revitalization in Memphis. The community uses old tires as planters which promote the concept of reuse. The garden provides a social venue through which people of all ages can work together. For more information about volunteer opportunities or donations to the garden contact Rev. Bill Marler, 901.327.3771 or jacobsladdercdc@aol.com.

Cunningham Community Garden

3773 Old Allen Rd., Memphis, TN 38128

The Cunningham Community Growers broke ground in August of 2008. The garden features tire planters with tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and more! Children at the community center help care for the garden. The produce grown in the

garden is available to anyone who wants to come pick it. For more information about volunteer opportunities or donations to the garden contact Cheryl Garnett, 901.377.3037.

Lyndale Community Garden

1470 Lyndale Ave, Memphis, TN 38107

This garden is maintained by the Vollintine Evergreen Community Association. For more information and volunteer opportunities, contact Chris Floyd at cakirby72@yahoo.com.

Memphis Center for Independent Living

1633 Madison Ave., Memphis, TN 38104

The Memphis Center for Independent Living introduced a garden in the courtyard behind their offices. It is equipped with wheelchair accessible raised beds. One of their goals is to educate the community on how to create and implement an accessible garden in a small space. The MCIL garden emphasizes gardening at little cost, using free and recycled materials and vermicomposting. For more information about volunteer opportunities or donations to the garden contact Randy Alexander , 901.726-6404 or randy@mcil.org.

Memphis Urban Ministries – Vance Avenue Garden

576 Vance Ave., Memphis, TN 38126

In partnership with Memphis Urban Ministry, the Vance Avenue Community Garden was started at 576 Vance Avenue in downtown Memphis in the spring of 2009. Due to the high lead content found in the soil, the Vance Garden is experimenting with recycled tire planters that allow the plants to be grown in healthy, uncontaminated soil. The garden aims to provide a source of fresh, organic produce to a community that lacks adequate access to fresh foods while creating an environment that promotes community and common interests. The garden also serves to provide educational opportunities for those seeking to lead a healthy lifestyle and develop short-term work opportunities for residents in the community. For more information about volunteer opportunities or donations to the garden contact Ryan Fowler, 901.312.3486 or ryan.fowler@memphisurbanministry.com.

Merton Garden – Binghampton

N. Merton St & McAdoo Ave., Memphis, TN 38112

The Merton Community Gardens are a collection of green spaces in the Binghampton area employing multiple methods of organic gardening including raised beds, tire gardening and row planting. The Merton Garden extends to include the herb garden outside of Caritas Village. As one of the most culturally diverse areas of Memphis, the families in the community that take ownership of a bed or row are encouraged to have an open dialogue between members of the community as well as allowing a green space for everyone in the community. For more information about volunteer opportunities or donations to the garden contact Carl Awsumb, 901.355.3241 or awsumbcarl@me.com.

Midtown North Garden

2558 Heard Ave., Memphis, TN 38108

Midtown North's (formerly Hollywood-Springdale) GrowMemphis community garden serves as the resource garden for four other gardens in the city – providing seedlings, fertilizer, compost and seeds. The garden has a greenhouse, worm farm, and an extensive compost initiative, It also participates in honey bee farming . Long-time gardener Mary Norman manages the garden and its team of volunteers. For more information about volunteer opportunities or donations to the garden contact Mary Norman, 901.323.1478.

Orange Mound Garden

Douglass Ave & Hamilton St., Memphis, TN 38114

The community garden in Orange Mound was the inaugural garden of the GrowMemphis program. Currently a row garden, the Orange Mound community garden is working to yield enough produce to participate in gardeners markets throughout the city as well as provide healthy organic produce for members of the community. With participation from people within and from outside the community, the Orange Mound garden is planting its roots in the community and

providing a productive green space in a neighborhood rich in culture and history. For more information about volunteer opportunities or donations to the garden contact Josephine Williams, 901.725.4990 or josephine@midsouthpeace.org

Rhodes College Community Garden

2000 N. Parkway, Memphis, TN 38112

The Rhodes Community Garden is a student run vegetable garden located behind East Village. All Rhodes College students, faculty, and staff are invited to help work in the garden in return for a share of some of the produce. For more information about volunteer opportunities and donations contact Green Rhodes at 901.843.3000.

Savory Patches Garden

Kansas St & Silverage Ave., Memphis, TN 38109

Savory Patches is tended by members of the 35th Ward Civic Club in the Riverview-Kansas neighborhood of South Memphis. The garden was started for the community by Sow to Grow, an initiative of Shelby County Mayor A C Wharton, which employs inmates from the Shelby County Division of Corrections to plant community gardens in cooperation with University of Tennessee Agriculture extension. For more information about volunteer opportunities or donations to the garden contact Carlotta Hill, 901.550.2554.

St. Augustine Garden

1169 Kerr Ave., Memphis, TN 38106

The St. Augustine Parkway Community Garden is mainly comprised of raised beds and plots that different families in the community take ownership of by planting vegetables, herbs, berries and flowers. The St. Augustine Parkway Community Garden is particularly interested in urban beautification as well a community development, emphasizing the need to bring green spaces and good nutrition into people's lives. For more information about volunteer opportunities or donations to the garden contact Pat Lacey, 901.938.2837.

Uptown-BRIDGES Community Gardens

N. 4th St. & Sycamore Ave., Memphis, TN 38105

Using land donated by the St. Stephens Baptist Church this project is a collaborative effort of the Memphis Rotary, Grow- Memphis, Church of the Holy Community, St. Stephens Baptist Church, First Methodist Church, Girls Incorporated, BRIDGES, and the Uptown Garden Association. The garden yields food year round, and plots are assigned to families, individuals, community groups, and local churches. The ultimate goals of the Uptown Community Garden is to provide a park-like atmosphere to neighboring residents, give people a place to work together and meet new people, supply fresh produce to local food banks, and provide quality horticultural education to participants. For more information about volunteer opportunities or donations to the garden contact Tanja Mitchell, 901.949.1309.

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