

Hannah Kimball

I was born and raised in our beautiful Sammamish Valley, began gardening with my dad as a preschooler, and have been gardening ever since. Have gardened with MCGA for the past 15 years, have worked as a food bank section manager the last 2 years, love the community and all I've learned others, and would love to continue serving.

Kirby Cartwright

I have been a gardener since I was a child; roughly 50 years. In Dublin, Ohio (where I last lived) was my first vegetable garden and my first compost bin. The story of our moving to the Northwest is the story of our participation in the MCGA. We signed up for a 1/2 plot before moving here in mid-2016. Cheryl, my wife, likes to say that we got off the plane and the next day we were digging up our plot. We moved to Bellevue to be closer to our daughter, Megan.

Michelle Raymond

One of the original founders of MCGA, Michelle is our tireless food bank manager. She supports the garden in many ways, as a knowledgeable gardener who is always willing to lend a hand and provide gardening advice, as a historian, who keeps much knowledge about the creation of MCGA, and as our tireless food bank manager.

Bev Makenzie

I have gardened at MCGA for 6 years & love the community aspect of it. Sharing in growing organic produce for the less fortunate in our area, whilst working alongside gardeners from all over the world, is what I enjoy. I have also served as Registrar for 3 years.

Kate Holiday

On an annual basis I grow onions, chilis, tomatoes, beans, berries & other crops. However, each year I like to grow something new. I also incorporate

long-flowering ornamentals in my plots to ensure adequate food sources for the pollinators.

My gardening philosophy:

1. It's all about the soil!
2. Utilize the best practices to achieve optimal crop outcomes & reduce the workload.
3. Don't give up — Learn from your failures — Everything wants to grow.

Michael Lockwood

I garden at Marymoor because I very much enjoy growing unique varieties of food and have found a great deal of joy in creating and maintaining my plot. This year I enjoyed serving as row monitor to make it a more mentorship driven process and to provide reliable information to the Board. Next year I want to address how we can try innovative ideas to improve the success of each gardener, particularly those in their first-year gardening with us.

Ruth Robertson

Last year as a Row Monitor, I realized that instead of anonymously “monitoring” fellow gardeners, we needed to focus on open communication and mentoring. I believe that our Board has a duty to support the concept of “community” and encourage new gardeners through their first seasons, support those who have physical barriers, build upon the concept of cooperation, education, and mentoring.

Barb Moody

Barb Moody has been a member of Marymoor Community Garden for 6 years. For the last few years she has chaired the TLC Committee so you will often find her helping out in various parts of the garden. She is a retired firefighter and is a certified aromatherapist and a Feldenkrais practitioner. When not at the garden Barb is usually pursuing her lifetime passion of rock climbing, alpine climbing and

hiking which she shares with her husband Rob. You will often see her on the other side of the fence, in the dog park, with her dog Sophie. Barb is is F6 and invites everyone to stop by to say hi.

Gia Parsons

Gia is the volunteer coordinator at MCGA. She gardens with her family and enjoys growing new and unusual crops. Her interest in gardening began as a child when she used to garden with her parents. Unequivocally, one of the best things about being at MCGA is meeting gardeners and sharing produce.