

THE HOUSE REPORT

THE GREENHOUSE PROJECT – News, Notes & Events

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Kindness, like grain, increases by sowing

COVID NOTICE

We are continuing to observe safe practices these days. If you would like to stop by one of our sites or wish to donate items, please call ahead and speak to:

Cory King, Green Central
(main Carson High School site) 775-600-9530

Will Pierz, Foothill Garden
(CarsonTahoe Medical Center site) 775-600-9552



MINDING YOUR PEAS & CUCUMBERS

by Cory King
TGP General Manager

YOUR DONATION DOLLARS AT WORK



Just a few dollars can make a big difference for **The Greenhouse Project** where 100% of your donation is used for gardening operations!

- \$10: serves water during hot weather outdoor volunteer work
- \$20: supplies 1 bag of perlite or peat moss for the soil mix we use in gardening
- \$20: provides aprons for community volunteers
- \$20: buys a month of cleaning supplies for the restrooms and other areas
- \$25: procures a gasoline gift card for an AmeriCorp volunteer
- “Hand-me-downs” to \$\$\$: provide garden hand tools, plant pots, buckets, hoses and more!

Click the **DONATE** button on our website at www.carsoncitygreenhouse.org

THYME ON MY HANDS

Director's Report, Jon Ruiter

The Greenhouse Project (TGP) Spring Plant Sale began online in April and will continue to be available through our **Mother's Day Plant Sale on May 8**. Visit ccgreenhouseproject.myshopify.com for cool season crop selections, while supplies last, for pickup the following Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon at **Green Central** (the main site on Carson High campus, east on Robinson St. behind the school bus parking lot). **The pickup time on May 8 for any Shopify purchases will be in the afternoon, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



On **May 2**, we'll be adding many varieties of tomatoes, peppers, squash and other warm-season vegetables and flowers to our Shopify site for our Mother's Day Plant Sale.

If you prefer to browse to select your plants, we will have them **available in-person** on the morning of **May 8, from 9 a.m. to noon**. This will be on a smaller scale than in past years but a good chance to come out to the **Green Central** site. The **Nevada Monarch Society** will also have a booth set up that day if you are interested in learning more about planting milkweed to provide for Monarch butterfly habitat.



Health guidelines, including **wearing a mask**, physical distancing and use of hand sanitizer will be in effect.

We are pleased to be able to provide healthy, acclimated plants for your summer garden!



FOOTHILL GARDEN EDUCATION SERIES

All classes are free and will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The popular **Foothill Garden Education Series** continues, broadcast live on **The Greenhouse Project** Facebook page. Go to www.facebook.com/CCGreenhouseProject and click on **EVENTS**. All previous classes can be viewed on our Facebook page by clicking the **MORE** button at the top of the page and then the **VIDEOS** button.

May 7 – Growing Top-Shelf Tomatoes and Pretty Peppers with Cory King

Here we'll talk about the intricacies of growing incredible tomatoes and peppers. Covering topics from fertility management and soil preparation to pruning tips and season extension techniques. You'll leave feeling confident in this year's crop.

June 4 – Apples in the Orchard and Grapes on the Table with Cory King

You'll learn strategies and maintenance techniques for maximizing the harvest from your fruit trees and vines. We'll be talking about managing your yard/orchard for the benefit of your harvest and covering some midseason management techniques to keep your flowers blooming.

BONUS CLASS

June 18, 11:00 a.m. – Harvesting Glorious Garlic with Arnold Carbone, Glorious Garlic Farm

Harvesting and curing your garlic is where the art of growing garlic enters. Arnold Carbone from Glorious Garlic Farm in Washoe Valley will be collaborating with **The Greenhouse Project** for a 20-minute on-line demonstration on when the optimal time is to harvest your garlic and tips on how to cure your garlic for best storage. Whether you are a seasoned garlic grower or a novice, tune in to get the inside scoop on growing glorious garlic.

Follow **The Greenhouse Project** Facebook page or go to www.carsoncitygreenhouse.org and click on the **EVENTS** button at the top of the page for details on the demonstration closer to the date.



MEET THE BOARD



The Greenhouse Project (TGP) Board of Directors are a hardworking, dedicated and diverse group of civic-minded members of the community. All TGP board members are volunteers and serve with the mission of “Growing, giving and teaching for a healthier, greener and sustainable community.” The vision: ***We will continue to broaden our mission of growing healthful produce for the under-served of our community by furthering our outreach and promoting community gardens.***

We begin our showcase of board members with **Cheryl Rotter, Vice President** of the board.

Cheryl Lane Rotter is the daughter of working-class parents, a waitress and a maintenance mechanic, who sometimes worked two or three jobs to make ends meet. She graduated from Carson High School at its present location and graduated from University of Nevada, Reno, via scholarships and work-study programs, with a degree in Plant, Soil and Water Science in the College of Agriculture. Married for nearly 40 years, Cheryl and her husband Mark, have raised two children and have four grandchildren. She has volunteered at her church, as well as Pop Warner Football, Carson City Little League and Youth Soccer in various positions and her children benefitted greatly from these youth-oriented programs.

Often people say of their childhood “I never went without the important stuff.” This is true of Cheryl’s upbringing. No parent wants their kids to go without, and it is alarming that we have food insecure families in our community. One family, one basket of food at a time, Cheryl and **The Greenhouse Project** strive to make a difference in Carson City. She proudly serves on the TGP Board with the hope that today’s working-class families will “Never go without the important stuff.”



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

We donate fresh produce year-round and seasonal gleaned fruit from the community to:

CHS Culinary Program
Eagle Valley Children’s Home
Food for Thought
Carson City Senior Center
Northern Nevada Dream Center

CIRCLES Initiative
FISH Family Dining Room
Meals on Wheels
Ron Woods FOOD pantry

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THE FUTURE IS COMING UP ROSES

by Cheryl Rotter
TGP Board Vice President

The future is coming up roses at **The Greenhouse Project** (TGP), or should I say coming up petunias, tomatoes and greens!! If we have learned anything from the 2020 pandemic year, it is that nothing is a sure thing. TGP has been dreaming of replacement fundraising avenues after seeing most of our past events being cancelled or revised due to Covid limitations. Thus, we proudly announce a new sustainable fundraising protocol.

We have set a lofty goal of raising one million dollars in funds to be placed into a Sustainability Endowment Fund. This will be invested to fund our current and future day-to-day operational needs in our annual budget. We have also put in place, and encourage, legacy giving. Legacy giving can make a lasting impact and can take several forms, including recurring donations during the donor's lifetime, which can be designated as ongoing in the donor's estate.

If you are interested in establishing a legacy gift, visit our website at www.carsoncitygreenhouse.org, where you will find information about setting up your gift. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, established in 2010. Be sure to consult your attorney or financial planner for help in setting up legacy giving.

Here's a tease: we are launching a Sustainability Campaign for a "teaching farm" here in Carson City. We have a few permits to secure before this happens, but we are thrilled to share this information with you! This ambitious project will be funded by a targeted giving campaign, which has also been set up on our website, www.carsoncitygreenhouse.org.

The website homepage has all the info for electronic giving. For questions on any of these donation opportunities, please contact Jon Ruitter, our Executive Director at jon@carsoncitygreenhouse.org



FUN FACT

The Greenhouse Project has achieved the GuideStar Silver Seal of Transparency as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

QUICK TIP

*Clean up any weeds before they develop significant roots or go to seed.
Weed now to reduce work later!*

Community Fruit Gleaning

The Greenhouse Project (TGP) would like to help our deserving community by utilizing any excess fruit crops this year! If you feel overwhelmed by, or just can't manage, your tree/vine harvest this summer, consider contacting us to lend you a hand.

With helpful suggestions from Pamela Mayne, founder of the Reno Gleaning Project, we established guidelines for our local project. The Reno network helped distribute over 1,500 pounds of apples in 2020. To learn more about the Reno Gleaning Project, go to www.renogleaningproject.org.

Many thanks to Pamela for her guidance, and to the following Carson City volunteers who were instrumental in the local gleaning effort last season:

**Lucy Joyce, Millie Karol and Mike Jones, Theresa and Todd Mathieson,
Karen and Charlie Abowd
Jose Ramirez and the Sierra Nevada Kiwanis Club, Monique Giron**

TGP volunteers would love to harvest your **excess** crop at no charge to you. Our mission is to donate this abundance of fruit to area services for the food insecure of our community, **so please harvest any fruit for your own use prior to our arrival at your house!**

A form has been added to our webpage for anyone wishing to request TGP volunteers to come and pick their fruit. Go to our website for the form to request gleaning in Carson City at:

www.carsoncitygreenhouse.org/tgp-gleaning-project



The Greenhouse Project

Growing, Giving and Teaching for a greener, healthier, sustainable community. A nonprofit Nevada corporation, we use ecologically sustainable growing methods and renewable energy sources to supply year-round produce to the food insecure of our community. We provide work-based educational and vocational opportunities for students and other community youth and adults. We are proud to grow and maintain the summer flower baskets, our contribution to the beautification of downtown Carson City.