

## 2019 EVCG Gardener Survey

### If you DID participate in educational activities, what did you find most helpful?

- I liked the info on starting seeds, and free supplies!
- Good information
- The seed exchange
- I enjoyed the seed planting talk with Floyd (was that in 2019? I think it was, sorry if I'm incorrect)
- Comaraderie. Talking to other gardeners
- The movie "Biggest Little Farm" true story in California was fabulous and so inspiring.
- The time of day is not an issue for me. But I think it is good to try to schedule on various days of the week and at different times - evening as well as mid-day.
- Attended work days and video taping morning [for Estes in Bloom video]...were a great opportunity to see other gardeners. I was mostly there early mornings and evenings and hardly saw a soul!

### If you did NOT participate in educational activities, why not? (While there is no obligation to attend, we would like to better understand what factors prevent those wishing to attend from doing so.)

- Working a lot
- I cannot make things that are during the day b/c I'm a teacher. I cannot make things late at night b/c I'm a mom.
- Family obligations got in the way of full participation in the educational activities
- Summer is hard for extras when you own a vacation rental property.
- Most educational activities were understandably scheduled before planting season. At that time we were still on Arizona, our winter home.
- I attended all of the excellent educational activities the previous 2 years and didn't feel the need to attend the classes again.
- None targeted to my interests.

### If you DID participate in social gatherings, which did you most enjoy?

- I enjoyed being there on one of the days we came together to put the garden to bed. I wasn't able to help much because of health reasons but I enjoyed being there to help if I could. The peacefulness of it all was nice, with kind people around me. And saying "goodbye for now" to my garden is kind of sad in a way, but in a good way! I respect the love & joy it puts out (like the way a garden provides so much to us as individuals & how it provides love & care to others by means of what is produced & shared.) I just respect that gift from God & I love having the opportunity to participate, so it was interesting to notice & appreciate those feelings.
- The potluck was very fun, despite a rainy, windy evening. Being able to use the picnic shelter at the last minute was a life-saver. Despite the small attendance, the event was a success. Attended the one coffee which was nice even though not many gardeners were there. It was pretty hot in the sun, though.
- Attended the one where donuts were served--enjoyed hearing from experienced gardeners, stories, community.
- Talking to other gardeners.
- It was fun meeting people!
- Meal sharing at the garden.

### If you DID NOT participate in social gatherings, why not?

- Busy schedule/schedule conflicts with work/work too much.
- Timing was an issue, otherwise we would have loved to have come.

- Timing was off for all but one; thought that one would be cancelled due to bad weather
- I usually had out of town family commitments.
- Either not interested in attending the social activities or I was out of town. I did interact socially with other gardeners during my visits to the garden.

**What might the EVCG do, if anything, to enhance your gardening experience in 2020?**

- An early planning session where people can connect one on one with "experts" and run ideas by them or get ideas of what to plant (specific varieties that grow well)
- Continue to offer the educational and social events.
- Offer more than one pot luck? Early harvest, middle and late harvest...?
- Community seed library!
- Think we need to solve the critter (ground squirrel) issue.
- I have had a critter in my garden for the past two years. Keep up efforts to get rid of the nuisance!
- Spring weather..
- Keep up the great work inside the garden to make it look beautiful. It is a tranquil spot on busy summer days.
- You all are awesome and do a spectacular job for all of us! Thank you for being so kind & wise and allowing us to join together with folks. This is a pleasurable experience!
- It was perfect as always! I'm interested in any volunteer chores
- Gardening at EVCG is a highlight of my summer. My only disappointment is watching produce spoil rather than having it be used.
- I think that you are doing a great job! I feel like all of my gardening needs have been met.
- I can't think of a thing! I just love being able to grow our salad for the summer.
- Fine as is.
- Keep it going!
- Nothing I can think of now. I thank you all for creating such a wonderful space to explore gardening!
- Very satisfied with the Garden, fellow gardeners and resources provided by the Friends at the Estes Valley Community Garden ! A joy and a blessing .....Thank you!!!!

<b>2019 Gardener Survey Summary - Crops with both successful and unsuccessful reports *</b>	
<b>Successful Crops Listed by Gardeners</b>	<b>Unsuccessful Crops Listed by Gardeners</b>
Beets	Beets
Carrots	Carrots (soil too hard)
Green beans – Blue Lake Bush	Beans slow to produce.
Kale	Kale eaten by critters. Little green worms on kale.
Mint	
Parsley	
Peas – sweet peas, sugar snaps, snow peas; Oregon II Sugar Snap peas	Peas must have needed more water. Sugar snap peas.
Radishes	
Rhubarb	Insect pests, took up too much space.
Spinach	
Stevia	
Strawberries	Strawberries sent out tons of runners, but berries never ripened.

Sweet corn	
Swiss chard	
Tomatoes - cherry	Tomatoes larger than cherry.
Zucchini plants	
<b>Crops with only successful reports</b>	<b>Crops with only problem reports</b>
Arugula	Basil
Chinese cabbage	Cucumber
Flowers: Marigolds, Zinnias, wildflowers	Parsnip (soil too hard)
Lettuce – Burpee Little Gem, Burpee Little Caesar; butternut, loose-leaf type	Peppers
Onions	
Mint	
Parsley	

\*See [evcg.org/Resources](http://evcg.org/Resources) under Specific Crops for “Plants that can be grown in Estes Park”, and under Weeds, Diseases & Pests for info about common ones in the Community Garden.