

Community Gardens Directory

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COMMUNITY GARDENS DIRECTORY



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Cesar Andreú Iglesias Community Garden

ZIP CODE:
19122



Location / Ubicación: Lawrence & Arlington Streets Philadelphia, PA 19122

Neighborhood / Vecindario: Norris Square

How to access / Cómo acceder: Open to the public from sun up to sun down every day.

Cost / Costo: Free

Website / Sitio web: <https://iglesiasgardens.com>

Contact / Contacto: iglesiasgarden@gmail.com (267) 478-2939

Helpful to know / Útil saber: Vision- "The Iglesias Gardens aims to preserve a space for the people. Through providing multigenerational activities for our community, creating harmony and balance with local ecosystems, and growing edible fruits and vegetables and plant medicine, we pay tribute to stolen land and develop a network of support for our future generations. The work of Iglesias Gardens builds and defends resilient communities."

Quote / Cita: "When I was able to return to the soil, in the space we called Iglesias gardens, AKA "El Terreno", which I contributed to build alongside dozens of residents, it was a deeply meaningful experience.

"Many fellow immigrants have been denied this connection due to the rampant annexation of green spaces to build housing. This is often justified by the supposed need for accessible housing, but in reality, it forces people to move out to accommodate wealthier individuals who can afford the new price."

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ZIP CODE:
19130

Girard Garden



Location / Ubicación: 1901 W Girard Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19130

Neighborhood / Vecindario: Girard

How to access / Cómo acceder: (the garden; hours, application, etc.)- “Anyone can join the garden, young or old, with or without gardening experience. Garden plots are given on a first-come, first-serve basis - taking in consideration the application date and completeness. However, we do give preference to applicants that live closer to the garden.”

Cost / Costo: (to use, membership, etc.)-There’s an annual fee of \$50. This gives you a 4 x 8 plot to grow veggies and/or flowers, access to the shed tools, composting, water for your plants, and a green space to hangout in.

Website / Sitio: <https://www.girardgarden.com>

Contact / Contacto: (215) 255-8414 ; girardgarden@gmail.com

Helpful to know / Útil saber: The application process requires the following: Fill out the application form below to the best of your knowledge; Read and agree to the rules and regulations and the gardener’s responsibilities before submitting the application; Send proof of address (photos/scans of two bills addressed to you); Have your friends send two reference letters to contact@girardgarden.com

Quote / Cita: “We’ve met new neighbors, we’ve watched plants sprout from seeds for the first time in my life, and we have the chance to create something beautiful where before there was nothing. We can only hope that the community and beauty continue to grow on our little corner of North Philadelphia. We welcome more neighbors to be a part. Stop by and say hello.” ~ Chad Eason, 2011.

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Las Parcelas-Norris Square Neighborhood Project (NSNP)

ZIP CODE:
19133



Location / Ubicación: 2248 N. Palethorp St., Philadelphia, PA 19133

Neighborhood / Vecindario: Norris Square/ West Kensington

How to access /Cómo acceder: Fill out an application, first come waitlist

Cost / Costo: \$40 annual fee (NSNP)

Website / Sitio: <https://myneighborhoodproject.org/gardens/our-gardens/>

Contact / Contacto: 215-634-2227

Helpful to know / Útil saber: “...the hub of the Norris Square gardens, covering over 30 city lots. The garden includes La Casita de Abuela (the grandmother’s small house), which is a replica of a petite “house” reminiscent of rural Puerto Rico. La Casita has become a mini-museum with donated items from older residents, such as musical instruments, cooking utensils, homemade crafts, and much more. In addition to La Casita, the garden features an outdoor kitchen for cooking demonstrations, rows and rows of garden plots, and an extraordinary mural devoted to the women of Grupo Motivos and local community members.” Members must access their plots by lock and key.

Quote / Cita: Executive Director of NSNP, Teresa Elliott said that there were at one time, “...seven people on the list for three years. Since then, we added more raised beds to meet demand.” At Las Parcelas it is a grow-what-you-want system, when-you-want, in your own planting bed.

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The Open Kitchen Sculpture Garden

ZIP CODE:
19133



Location / Ubicación: Next to Second Street and Dauphin: 2241 N. Philip St., Philadelphia, PA 19133

Neighborhood / Vecindario: Norris Square Neighborhood and below West Kensington

How to access / Cómo acceder: Open to the public from sun up to sun down every day. "we have made it a point to invite and include the neighbors to participate in the creation of this space"

Cost / Costo: Volunteers and Donations

Website / Sitio: <https://theopenkitchensculpturegarden.com/>

Contact / Contacto: Under contact us on the site: theopenkitchensg@gmail.com

Helpful to know / Útil saber: The essence of the project is simple yet profound; it's process is organic and concrete, literally and metaphorically. It is transforming not only the physical space, but also stimulating and motivating individuals to engage with their environment. It is an example of a direct and simple solution that is accessible in any community, demonstrating what can be done when people come together to share talents, resources, and skills.

Quote / Cita: Pedro Ospina- "Food is an essential part of the project and growing food is part of the process. As for access to the community- I have been involved with my community (garden) for the past thirty-four years".

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Villa Africana Colobó (Norris Square Neighborhood Project)

ZIP CODE:
19133



Location / Ubicación: 2267 N Palethorp St, Philadelphia, PA 19133

Neighborhood / Vecindario: Norris Square/ West Kensington

How to access / Cómo acceder: Fill out an application, first come waitlist

Cost / Costo: \$40 annual fee (NSNP)

Website / Sitio: <http://www.myneighborhoodproject.org/> ; <https://communityofgardens.si.edu/items/show/12440>

Contact / Contacto: 215-634-2227

Helpful to know / Útil saber: “Over time, NSNP’s garden spaces have served every purpose imaginable. They have offered solace through cultivating food, herbs, and flowers; provided our community with Latinx culturally significant green spaces; hosted theater and music performances; taught young people the importance of connecting with the Earth; brought neighborhoods together; and invoked passions in hearts of community members from all walks of life.” THIS IS A DEMONSTRATION GARDEN BUT NSNP HAS FIVE OTHER GARDENS.

Quote / Cita: “Villa Africana Colobó was created in 2006 and explores the West African diaspora inherent in Puerto Rican culture and ancestry. In the center of the garden are three African huts, which are extravagantly painted both inside and out. The garden also features an outdoor kitchen that is used for cooking demonstrations and get-togethers. Villa Africana Colobó includes a storytelling room with brightly colored walls. Artifacts, crafts, and books from Africa and Puerto Rico tell the stories of traditions and cultural practices connected to the African heritage on the island.”

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The Church of the Redeemer Baptist Growing Together Garden (COTRB)

ZIP CODE:
19146



Location / Ubicación: 2500 Reed St. Lot Philadelphia, PA 19146

Neighborhood / Vecindario: Point Breeze/Gray's Ferry

How to access / Cómo acceder:

Cost/ Costo: \$25 per plot each year in a season that goes from April 1 to Oct. 31.

Website/ Sitio: <https://nscfarming.wordpress.com/our-story/growing-together/>; <https://www.growingtogetherfm.org/>

Contact / Contacto: 215-465-1230

Helpful to know / Útil saber: Takes up four acres on a city block, between 24th and 26th, and Reed and Dickinson; As of 10/23 there were still plots available without a waiting list. Monthly community workdays & garden meetings

Quote / Cita: "The mission and purpose of the ministry will be to help the church maintain and continue to supply the community with fruits and vegetables. It also will continue as a place to fellowship with the community and people from different nationalities." "We have 526 plots and 80 gardeners," says Iris Brown, manager of COTRB. "We have 121 plots that are unoccupied." "We have a heart for New American immigrants. At least 5% of Fargo's population are refugees. Many have fled war, violence, and insecurity in search of hope in the United States. Unfortunately, limited English skills often makes it hard for them to communicate or find jobs to support their families. Growing Together first started to help immigrants feed their families and connect them with the people, resources, and language learning skills needed to join our community. Today, we have a healthy balance of New and "Not-New" American members. And everyone takes home a share!"

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Bel Arbor Community Garden

ZIP CODE:
19147



Location / Ubicación: 10th Street and Kimball Street- 1012-26 Kimball St. Philadelphia, PA 19147

Neighborhood / Vecindario: Bella Vista Neighborhood, by little Italy.

How to access/ Cómo acceder: "If the garden is open, you are welcome to come in and look around-please do introduce yourself to any of the gardeners."

Cost / Costo: Free with Membership (Wait list that moves slow) Priority given to those living within a five block radius of the garden. Turnover is slow as there are only 23-30 individual plots.

Website / Sitio: <https://www.belarbor.org/>

Contact / Contacto: cmpuppin@aol.com

Helpful to know / Útil saber: "Bel Arbor Community Garden welcomes all kinds of life to Philadelphia's Bella Vista neighborhood. The land has a long history in Philadelphia urban gardening, being the approximate site where Alexander Parker's Botanic Garden stood in 1820."

Quote / Cita: " With communal spaces including a gazebo, orchard, meadow, trees, and a bricked barbecue area, in addition to 23 individual plots, Bel Arbor Community Garden welcomes all kinds of life to Philadelphia's Bella Vista neighborhood."

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Point Breeze/Bouvier Garden

ZIP CODE:
19146



Location / Ubicación: 1346-50 Bouvier Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146

Neighborhood / Vecindario: Point Breeze

How to access / Cómo acceder: (the garden; hours, application, etc.)

Cost/ Costo: (to use, membership, etc.)- Dues \$50-\$200 on a sliding scale, plus at least 5 hours volunteer work, or 20 hours minimum of volunteer work on the Farm per year <https://docs.google.com/document/d/17evT3WJiyGC3lrBg-TxudA1uROxE9JuXX9967ko5TYE/edit#heading=h.o8kb3xglifp4>

Website/ Sitio: <https://www.facebook.com/bouvier.garden/> ; <https://www.ngtrust.org/point-breeze/> ; <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebjdJJ2OVEqeYfkLXq4GqmnY5MAaDbivgoZJJJaWm8sv0q3fQ/viewform>

Contact/ Contacto: bouvier.garden@gmail.com

Helpful to know / Útil saber: Area: 2,082 square feet; Garden type: Food Producing, Individual Plots- "Members and non-members alike may volunteer at the Farm, partake in the harvest, and attend public events. However, only Farm members may participate in the governance of the Farm as well as use the composting system"

Quote/ Cita: "Eligibility for Farm membership will not be determined or limited by a person's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, unfavorable discharge from military service, parental status or sexual orientation. We strive to be welcoming, inclusive, considerate, and respectful toward one another and our neighbors."

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Capitolo Community Garden

ZIP CODE:
19147



Location / Ubicación: On the corner of Tenth and Federal Street on the northwest corner of the Capitolo Playground- 900 Federal St, Philadelphia, PA 19147

Neighborhood / Vecindario: Passyunk Square/Little Saigon- Little Mexico

How to access / Cómo acceder:

Cost / Costo: “Membership is open to the community and is available through the Waitlist. Once your name rises to the top of the list, you’ll be offered the next available plot. Typically the wait is 3-4 years, but it can be longer or shorter depending on the number of current members who leave.”

Website / Sitio: <https://www.capitologarden.org/>

Contact / Contacto: CapitoloGarden@gmail.com

Helpful to know / Útil saber: “has three garden composting bins available for gardeners to add to and harvest compost from”. “Every year Declan (age 13) and Aidan (age 11) of plot 35 raise painted lady butterflies and praying mantises. This started one year as a birthday gift, and has become an annual tradition.” Gardeners, community members, and people on the waitlist are all welcome to help weed, water, and maintain the Garden’s common beds.

Quote/ Cita: “Members must attend two workdays and two meetings annually to retain their plots. Members volunteer for chores like watering common beds and moving garden trash to the curb. Chores are a part of Garden membership. Community gardening is much more than tending a plot — it’s about being a part of a community. We encourage and value member participation.”

10 Waverly Street Community Garden

ZIP CODE:
19147



Location / Ubicación: 1127-1131 Waverly St, Philadelphia, PA 19147

Neighborhood / Vecindario: Washington Square West

How to access / Cómo acceder:

Cost/ Costo: "You must submit an application and a \$30 non-refundable registration fee. Your name will be placed on the waiting list for the garden of your choice, and you will be notified when a plot is available."

Website/ Sitio: <https://www.instagram.com/waverlystgardenphilly/?hl=en> ;
<https://washwestcivic.org/community-gardens/>

Contact/ Contacto: (215) 346-6411

Helpful to know / Útil saber: 18 people on the first choice waitlist and 12 people in line for the second choice waitlist... "Who is eligible to join one of the WSWCA Community Gardens? Anyone who maintains a primary residence in the Washington Square West neighborhood as defined by the boundaries of the WSWCA (Broad, Walnut, South and 7th Streets) is eligible for gardening privileges at any WSWCA Community Garden. Gardening privileges are also available to those who live outside the boundaries of Wash West but within a specified distance of a Community Garden."

Quote / Cita: "You may only belong to one WSWCA Community Garden at a time, and each household is limited to one garden plot at any given time."