

Teaching Garden Monthly Update for March 2022

Master Gardeners,

Your March Teaching Garden Monthly update report follows:

Monocot Gardens Team Leader: Penny McGrath

- Weeded and dead headed the garden.
- Put down Espoma Garden Tone fertilizer
- Cliff, Dale, and Pat helped me mulch the garden
- Tulips and Gladiolas are starting to come up
- I Will have to move the daffodils and Iris after they finish blooming

Canopy Garden Team Leader: Laura Corl

- Nothing reported

Shade Garden Team Leader: Pat O'Connor and Donna Ambrose

- The Shade Garden has begun a renovation. We put in edging to designate the area but also to assist in keeping our plants safe. Speaking of our plants, we have planted 45 new plants and are keeping an eye on them. We will be planting some Iris which are being donated. We will provide a list once we see what comes up as we seem to have lost some from last year, but also identified plants that we thought were not thriving.
- Clare and I thank John for all the advice, work, and assistance, and the Arboretum for their assistance.

Four Seasons Garden Team Leader: Yen Bao assisted by Dale Shelley

- Nothing reported

Dry Garden Team Leader: Mary Trosien

- Nothing reported

Bird and Butterfly Garden Team Leader: Becky Greenwald

- Cut back grasses and perennials, picked up trash and fallen branches.

Elaine's Garden Team Leaders Janet Grubbs and Rebecka Jones

- Checked and repaired drip irrigation lines
- Replaced defective timer for drip system
- Planted several new plants – waiting to see what comes back from last year before doing more
- Painted 2 posts (one for leaflets, other for reel holder) and added post tops
- Added post tops to espalier and removed copper post tops
- Learned how to use new plant label system and began to create labels needed for plants in the garden. Waiting for more supplies to complete project
- In May will be adding more mulch
- Took soil samples with a soil auger to attempt to visually determine which soil amendment method is superior. Results were not conclusive.

Sensory Garden Team Leaders: Denise Bennett and Toni

McKenna

- Nothing reported

Herb Garden Team Leader: Lauren Ragsac

- Nothing reported

Turf Garden Team Leader: John Birckbichler

- Cut the grass
- Applied pre-emergent and broad leaf weed killer
- Zoysia and centipede will be replanted this season
- Tall Fescue in September

Weed Garden Team Leader: Denise Bennett and John

Birckbichler

- Repaired the damaged bed of the Weed Garden display.
- Denise added 7 new weeds to the display.

Woodland Garden Team Leader: John Birckbichler and Terri

Zancki

- Added a new natural wood log edging to the garden
- Daffodils and tulips are up and blooming

- The East coast red wood is doing fine as are the newly planted indigenous trees in the southwest side of the garden
- We lost 2 camellias over the Winter. Phil Peek has agreed to select 2 replacements and plant them for us.

Wetland Garden Team Leaders: Ed and Linda Bradley

- Nothing reported

General Maintenance Team Leader: John Birckbichler

- Chuck West and I added a support to the leaning Green Roof display which will eventually be removed and rebuilt

New additions/deletions to the Gardens:

- The white fence at the end of the Agricultural trailer will be mostly removed and part of it reconfigured to act as a storage area.
- A Canadian goose has taken up residence in the Green Roof Garden and is currently sitting on a clutch of eggs.