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MEMBER NEWS



CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH COMMUNITY

Bamboo and Goatsbeard and Clover, oh my!

Volunteer Garden Crew Update -

This month we focused on the Forest Garden and planted a few more beneficial and native perennials such as *Aruncus dioicus* – Goatsbeard. We also continued to prune, weed and soil build. Something we are especially excited about is the creation of a natural bamboo fence/border outlining the forest garden beds. A local farm partner donated the bamboo. Everyone was able to experience the fine act of chopping in a cover crop this month and as a result our beautiful Crimson Clover is now breaking down and will provide us with healthier soil in the next season ahead.



Conner Voss and the New Chicken Tractor

Save the Date – July 17th – [The Tilth Table](#) - Chef Series at Luscher Farm presented by Oregon Tilth and [Allium Bistro](#). Learn to plant and harvest a variety of crops, then pair up with an experienced chef to gather provisions to prepare your unique dish together. Chefs Pascal Chureau of Allium Bistro, Greg Denton and Gabrielle Quinonez Denton of Metrovino, and Serge Selbe of The Benson share their favorite seasonal recipes and inspire you to savor the season. Read more about [The Tilth Table](#).

Upcoming classes - join us!

Pre-registration required. Go to our website at www.tilth.org to learn more.

- July 14, 'Year Round Vegetable Gardening' - Luscher Farm
- July 28, 'Chickens in the Garden' - Luscher Farm
- August 11, 'Growing a Fall Salad Bowl' - Luscher Farm

Garden News

This month, we continued to harvest lettuce heads, swiss chard, cilantro, dill, kale and cabbage which equated to two, 50 pound donations to our local food bank. The second bed of tomatoes was planted along with a variety of peppers. We added *Agastache* 'Blue Fortune' and a hardy Aster to our herbaceous beneficial flower

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border/hedgerow. The first week of June, we successfully installed all of the summer irrigation with few maintenance repairs and issues, thanks to the foresight of proper winterization and an organized tool shed. Sunflowers, basil and bush and dry bean plantings wrapped up our early summer plantings. Another new addition to our Demonstration Garden is a more functional chicken tractor. This new and improved version will allow us to more easily move it around the garden and be incorporated into our classes and messaging of sustainable agriculture.

On June 15, we said goodbye to our wonderful Garden Coordinator, Conner Voss as he moves on to greener pastures to become a full time farmer. Conner has been with the OEC for nearly four years and has dedicated a tremendous amount of thought and energy into making the garden what it is today and we look forward to continuing the work he has done. He has inspired us all. Happy Farming Conner and best of luck. You will be missed!

Don't forget to check out these other tilth-worthy [events](#)...

USDA OK's Organic Textile Labeling Including GOTS



The latest memo confirms that processed textile products such as apparel, mattresses, or socks labeled as "organic" must be third-party certified.

Read more about [Textile Labeling](#).

Plate & Pitchfork Benefit Dinners



Plate & Pitchfork seats are still available! Experience the ultimate farm-to-table experience! OEC will be attending the August 21st dinner at Champoeg Farms as a featured beneficiary!

Read more on [Plate & Pitchfork](#).

Allium Bistro Benefit Dinners



Allium is an intimate neighborhood restaurant inspired by the native, pure food of Oregon and the Northwest. Neighborhood Dinners support the Demonstration Garden at Luscher Farm.

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