



Friends of Portland Community Gardens Spring 2024 Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed this week of fabulous Spring weather. It makes our trowels itch. The spring Flowers have sprung and the mason bees are at work.

FPCG has been at work too. See below for two projects to kick off the garden season.

Update on **Produce for People**

This program is a partnership of Friends of Portland Community Gardens and The Parks Community Gardens Program. Started in 1995, it has been raising, purchasing and donating vegetable starts for growing by volunteers in the community gardens to then donate to local food pantries. It is a way of giving back to the community.

This spring we just held our distribution on Saturday, March 16th at the Mt. Tabor Nursery. Luckily, it was a sunny day, and Carol Tompkins who leads this effort, along with volunteers had healthy spring starts, fertilizer, seeds and P for P signs to give out. There will be at least two more Produce for People Distributions this year.



Bliss Garden Refurbishment Begun

In March, the Friends and a group of students from Tampa University in Florida joined for two work days to weed and improve the space at the Bliss Garden. This is an established site in SE Portland, which is run by the Folktime agency.

“Grass was whipped, garbage was hauled, hollies were trimmed and new acquaintances were made” said FPCG Board member Jeff Wright.

Keep tuned in for more updates on Bliss Garden as the year and project progress.



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