How Do Our Gardens Grow?

The Cleveland County Master Gardener Association (CCMGA) Demonstration and Teaching Gardens were established in 2000 to help residents see for themselves how beautiful their own gardens can grow. These gardens demonstrate how Oklahoma’s climate and soils can be used to grow lush shrubs, flowers of all kinds, herbs, vegetables and hundreds of other plants in many separate and specific plots. The Teaching Gardens offer residents the opportunity to learn more about many different kinds of gardens and hardscape materials, how they are designed and maintained, and how similar results could be achieved in their own landscapes at home.

Cleveland County Master Gardeners

Demonstration and Teaching Gardens

Open Wednesdays and Saturdays, May to October - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (weather permitting)
Private tours available by appointment during other times.
Oklahoma Proven Garden — This beautiful garden allows visitors to see how using plants selected as “Oklahoma Proven” can make gardening and landscaping a snap. A panel of specialists chose the first set of Oklahoma Proven plants in 1999 because of their ability to thrive in Oklahoma conditions. Every year, four plants are added to the list — one perennial, one annual, one shrub and one tree.

Serendipity Garden — Whimsy and plant materials that you don’t see every day make up this unique garden. Your garden can be a place of creativity and one-of-a-kind landscapes. Come let this garden give you inspiration.

Xeriscape Garden — Not all gardens take a lot of maintenance or watering to flourish and the Xeriscape Garden is a good example. This garden conserves water, since it only gets it when it rains, and still manages to thrive and flourish.

Vegetable Garden — Last year, this garden grew more than 1,200 pounds of fruits and vegetables, which were donated to Food and Shelter for Friends, a local homeless shelter. Let this garden teach you about abundant harvests.

Herb Garden — How would you like to pick your own herbs, even your own teas, from a flourishing garden growing in your backyard? Our Herb Garden, which includes both kitchen and Mediterranean herbs and teas, can give you ideas for your own plot of spice.

Butterfly Garden and Monarch Way-station — Not only do the color and smell of these special plants permeate this garden, but also the one-of-a-kind colors and splendor of butterflies of all kinds. Take some tips from this special garden so you can attract your own butterflies at home.

Handicapped Garden — Even if you can’t bend, stoop, and sit like you used to when it comes to keeping up a garden, you can still have one. This garden can show you how handicap residents can use special-access beds to plant and grow all kinds of fruits, vegetables and flowers.

Native American Garden — What did Oklahoma’s Native Americans plant in their gardens? In this collection, residents can see plants used by native tribes for medicinal purposes, as well as many other plants that have been grown from Native American garden seeds. Watch history come alive in this special garden.

Square Foot Garden — Want to know just how much gardening you can do in a 4’ by 4’ feet square? Then take a look at our small space gardens to get an idea about what you can grow in the way of food (or other plants) in your own tiny, but still powerful, garden.