

Horticulture department

Growing on campus



The tool shed houses hundreds of garden tools and machinery.



Student Donna Ford (right) gathers plants for her first landscaping project.



One of two greenhouses where plants are given special care. Below: a "trial" project which has been growing since January.

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World of color awaits visitors

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Beyond the shrubs near Clairmont Hall lies a separate world, a world filled with vibrant color and vegetation: the Clackamas Horticulture Department.

Five acres of gardens and labs, including two greenhouses, one plastic house and several landscape gardens, are the study environment for several hundred people annually. Throughout the year these people pass through a variety of classes and workshops in order to learn something new or to work toward a degree.

Elizabeth Howley, instructor and horticulture club advisor, has been with the college for 14 years. "A students' horticulture experience includes choosing a crop and being the sole grower of that crop for the whole school year. This teaches the students the process of plant growth and helps them learn the care required to weather a crop throughout the year. Another common study is to grow a plant as a trial, to chart its growth and calculate statistics such as growth in inches versus time growing," says Howley.

The purpose of horticulture classes at Clackamas is to prepare

students to work in a plant environment such as a greenhouse, nursery or landscape.

In addition to the horticulture classes and workshops, there is a Horticulture Club. Anyone who is currently enrolled at the college is welcome to join the club and participate in its many events.

Each year the club sponsors a horticulture student by providing full tuition at the college. It also holds several plant sales.

The first opportunity will be the Winter Bazaar in the Community Center, where the club will be selling plants and crafts. In addition, there will be a sale near Valentine's Day and the famous Mother's Day sale, held on May 9 this year.

If you enjoy seeing the plants and flowers around campus, take a peek at the horticulture land lab behind Clairmont Hall. There, you will find many of the same varieties as are seen on the campus grounds since the landscapers get many of their plants from the Horticulture Department.

Everyone is welcome to come and see the horticulture land lab, the herb garden, the vegetable and flower garden, the rose garden and nursery.

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Fall Meeting Schedule:
Mondays 11 to 11:45 a.m.
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