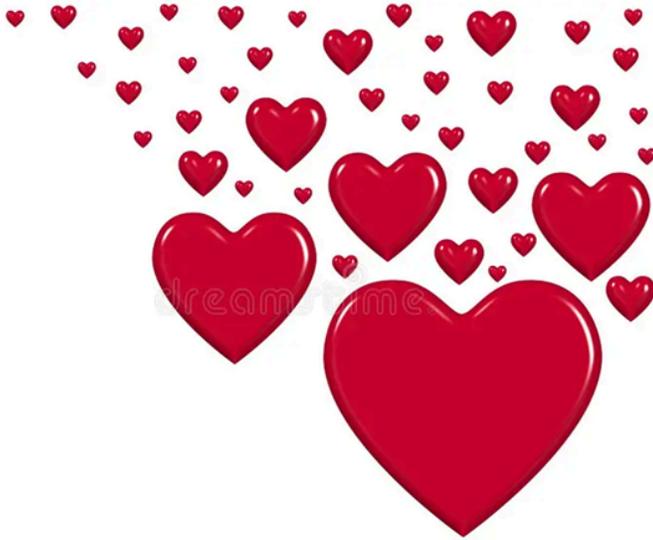


SPROUTIN' OFF

A Monthly Publication to Garden Managers



FEBRUARY 2026

GARDENS IN PT

Brian's (Amber, Lindsey)

FairWinds (Gayle & Milly)

PT High School (Doug)

PT Co-Op (Kathy)

Quimper Grange (Barbara & MaryBeth)

Salish Elementary (Neil)

GARDENS IN CHIMACUM

Goosefoot (Lex H)

GARDENS IN PORT HADLOCK

Boat School (Mary)

Swan (Suzanne)

LET LOVE FERTILIZE YOUR GARDEN AS WELL AS YOURSELF AND THE REWARDS WILL BE SWEET.

GARDEN MANAGER UPDATES

Denny Shauer is stepping away from co-managing Brian's garden this year. Amber and Denny have been a formidable team for multiple years, and we are grateful for Denny's contributions. Lindsey Kotzebue will be supporting Brian's garden as co-manager alongside Amber. Welcome Lindsey and thank you for supporting Brian's garden and FBG.

Alexa McCaulley is leaving the Goosefoot Garden to pursue an educational opportunity. Lex Hibling hopes to continue managing Goose Foot and is currently exploring options for what this will look like going forward.

BULK AMENDMENTS COORDINATION

Bagged Amendment Purchase & Delivery

A large delivery of bagged soil amendments was made to four gardens thanks to Kim Duddy and Noreen. It was a pleasure to move around the gardens and connect with Garden Managers during the deliveries.

All amendments were purchased from the Chimacum Farmstand using our negotiated discount. Emmy Lou and Noreen coordinated with the Farmstand team, and Jenna noted that processing a single consolidated order was much easier than managing multiple

individual orders. From the FBG perspective, this was also beneficial, as it resulted in just one invoice to manage.

Moving forward, we will aim to consolidate Farmstand purchases whenever possible.

To initiate an order, please email:

 FBGGardenCoordinator@gmail.com

Loose Bulk Amendments (Compost, Hog Fuel, etc.)

The next phase of the bulk amendment process involves coordinating deliveries of loose bulk materials. Mark Paxton (Volunteer Coordinator) will coordinate work parties for pickup and delivery.

If you requested loose bulk amendments and need help with delivery, please contact Mark Paxton and with at least 1 week lead time so scheduling and logistics can be coordinated smoothly.

Mark's contact information:

 mark.alphabetco@gmail.com

 (360) 390-3001

Stored Soil Amendments

FBG also maintains a variety of soil amendments at these gardens:

- Boat School
- Quimper Grange
- Fairwinds

Please consult the [Soil Amendments & Locations](#) spreadsheet to see if the item you need is available and then contact the listed garden representative to confirm availability and quantities.

GERMINATION SERVICE

The Propagation team—Mado, Seth, and Kim—along with Dave's construction know-how and Mary Beth, our Queen of Seeds, have built, leveled, and launched numerous flats using the revised shelf system and grow-out crates. A wide range of alliums was started in January, with many additional varieties scheduled to begin this month based on requests from our gardens.

Mado's contact information:

 MadoMost@gmail.com

 (310) 994-5834

FBG SEED BANK

New seeds are continually ordered, purchased, or donated to the Seed Bank and logged into our shared spreadsheet. This resource is accessible to all gardens and details each variety's source, year packed for, and available quantities. When seeds are needed, garden managers simply review the spreadsheet to see what's on hand and then contact Mary Beth to coordinate a pickup.

Mary Beth has combined all of the seed inventories (vegetables, herbs, flowers, fruit) into a single file: [FBG Seed Bank ALL SEEDS](#) .

Thanks to recent donations from vendors and suppliers, we have a robust selection. Please check the seed bank before purchasing new seeds.

To coordinate pickup, contact:

 Mary Beth Haralovich mbandjjj@gmail.com
 (520) 730-6439

PEST & DISEASE MANAGEMENT

As shared last month, FBG has an agreement with **Dianna's Garden Consulting**, which includes support for pest and disease management.

An additional option is available through the **Master Gardeners' "Ask a Master Gardener"** program. This service is typically offered in person at the Jefferson County Library and the Port Townsend Library, but it is also available online.

To submit a request online:

- Visit the [Ask a Master Gardener Contact Page](#)
- Scroll down and click **"Submit a Question Online"**
- The form collects your contact information, a description of the issue, and allows you to upload up to three photos

Bridget Gregg noted that it may be possible to request a site visit, though availability is not guaranteed.

Garden Managers may choose **either** option, but please do not use both services for the same issue.

JEFFERSON COUNTY FOUNDATION GRANT

FBG has received a **\$5,000** grant from the Jefferson County Foundation (JCF). This grant is not tied to a specific project so a team will be reviewing potential uses for the funds. Ideas discussed so far include:

- Building worm bins
- Covering unfunded garden budget requests

GOOGLE WORKSPACE MIGRATION

Amber has been working diligently on setting up our Google Workspace (GWS) and migrating files. Most folders have already been migrated, with the **Garden Managers folder scheduled for migration in February.**

The new structure closely mirrors the previous system, though you may notice some subtle differences. More information will be shared as the migration is finalized.

ON YOUR RADAR IN FEBRUARY

Hopefully, you all are wrapping up your Annual Report to Landowners. There are no additional Admin tasks in February. 😊

ON YOUR RADAR FOR MARCH

A reminder about expense reporting in 2026. As reported in the [January edition of Sproutin' Off](#) a new funding account can be selected on expense reports for items common to all gardens. Funds for these items are taken from a Common account rather than the Garden account.

Thanks Everyone!

Respectfully Submitted by the Garden Committee