

# FBG Propagation Team

@ the Quimper Grange



**Image:** Mado, Seth and Kim.

**With Us Since:** January 2026

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*I volunteer because helping to provide nutritious food to members of my community helps support and strengthen local food systems while providing delicious nutrient dense produce to those who need it.*

*Mado M*

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## IMPACT & CONTRIBUTION

From the beginning of FBG, plant propagation for garden sites fell on the shoulders of Garden Managers, adding yet another responsibility to an already demanding role that includes planning, recruiting volunteers, and preparing garden spaces for the growing season—not to mention commitments such as Master Gardener plant sales and their own home gardens. By 2025, it became clear that the organization would benefit from a centralized propagation service to support those who needed it.

That need led to the creation of the FBG Propagation Team—affectionately known as the “PropaGators.” Since building a fully operational propagation facility in early 2026, the team has quickly become an instrumental force within the organization, serving seven gardens and producing thousands of vegetable starts in just a few short months.



Led by Mado, the team includes Seth and Kim as well. The Grange Garden has played a vital supporting role by providing a hoop house and a wide range of supplies. Special thanks to Barbara Tusting and Mary Beth Haralovich for their continued support of this initiative while managing both the Grange Garden and Blessings Garden.

On any given day, the propagation team can be found seeding trays, monitoring germination conditions, transplanting seedlings, and coordinating distribution schedules to ensure each garden receives the plants it needs at the right time. Their work requires careful planning, attention to detail, and a deep understanding of seasonal growing cycles in East Jefferson County.

The propagation effort has significantly reduced the burden on Garden Managers while also strengthening collaboration across garden sites. By centralizing early-stage growing, individual gardens are able to focus more energy on cultivation, maintenance, and harvests later in the season. The result is a more efficient use of resources and a greater overall yield for the communities we serve.

Looking ahead, the team continues to explore ways to improve both their facility and their service. Planned enhancements include the addition of innovative equipment such as solar-powered vents and fans, helping to increase efficiency, sustainability, and overall capacity as the program continues to grow.



## ENDORSEMENT

*This is an especially busy year for me, and I am so grateful to know that the PropaGaters are willing to take my seed-starting requests and then care for the seedlings until it's time to plant. I keep telling everyone that the Prop Squad has saved my life this spring — or at least my sanity. All I have to do is show up and claim my beautiful seedlings when they are ready. Keep up the excellent work, Prop Team!*

*Suzanne E, Swan*