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SHARPSBURG COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY RETURNS

Sharpsburg Summer Nature Series Part I

SHARPSBURG, PA – The Sharpsburg Community Garden’s (SCG) annual party returns this Saturday, Aug. 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A community favorite, the party takes place in the garden behind Sharpsburg Community Library and in the library’s courtyard and program room. SCG member Lynn Marsico said the party has been taking place since the garden’s inception over a decade ago.

“The founding members wanted to connect with the greater Sharpsburg Community and celebrate the successful growing season,” Marsico said. “The mission to welcome the community to the garden also includes a seed giveaway and plant giveaway in the spring.”

The free event is sponsored by the SCG, while the Men’s Garden Club of Pittsburgh provides free tool sharpening, and area businesses and organizations have donated items for a gift basket raffle. The main event, however, is a buffet of delicious foods prepared by SCG members, using the fruits and vegetables harvested directly from the community garden.

“Guests get to taste new and favorite foods made by our members. There are 25 plots in our garden, and all of the plot holders participate in this event,” Marsico said. “Neighbors, family and friends attend and enjoy socializing in the welcoming library courtyard. Guests love to wander through the plots, examining what members are growing and often asking questions and comparing notes about their own garden successes and problems.”

The party also boasts a handmade garden-related craft sale and children’s activities. As SCG’s major fundraiser, sales from the gift baskets and crafts help support members and sustain the garden.

Marsico said the group is currently in the process of replacing all garden beds at a cost of over \$350 each. In addition to anticipated party funds, SCG has already received grants from Grow Pittsburgh, the Trillium Garden Club, and the Fox Chapel Garden Club in 2025.

“The Sharpsburg Community Garden works hard to be a part of the community. Garden members donate produce to the community through the library and participate in many of the community initiatives, such as ‘Spend a Saturday in Sharpsburg,’” she said. “All of the gardeners look forward to this yearly event. We especially love meeting neighbors, showing off our garden plots, and interacting with the diverse community.”

In addition to “positive feelings of socializing with neighbors and friends,” Marsico said she hopes this year’s Garden Party guests will leave feeling inspired to garden at home; and with both awareness of urban garden success and a sense of the garden as a “welcoming place.”

To learn more about the Sharpsburg Community Garden, visit their Grow Pittsburgh page,
<https://www.growpittsburgh.org/directory/garden/sharpsburg-community-garden>.

For more information about Sharpsburg Community Library, including upcoming programming, visit
www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org/sharpsburg/.

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