2015 Schoolyard Gardens

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

RCS TEACHING GIVING GARDEN

Joni Fletty • Retail Construction Services, Inc.

This Giving Garden involves school children from the St. Croix Valley schools who learn about gardening and make a connection to our world by learning where their food comes from, its impact on fossil fuels, the collapse of the honey bee, water conservation, food storage, harvesting seeds, composting, and so many other lessons. Above all, they experience first-hand the spirit of giving and volunteering. We partner with the Washington County Master Gardener volunteers, and since 2009, almost 15,000 lbs of produce has been grown and donated to our local food shelf, Valley Outreach. Local high school students who previously volunteered in the RCS Giving Garden have now begun a garden of their own.

GROWING MICROGREENS IN THE CLASSROOM

Dr. Mary H. Meyer • University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Growing microgreens in a classroom is an easy and fun way to teach basic plant science, plant families, and nutrition. In two to four weeks students can plant, grow, harvest, and eat peas and sunflowers. This poster will show how microgreens have been used in several Twin City schools taught by University of Minnesota students.

JOURNEY GARDEN PROGRAM

Maria DeFoe • Fond du Lac Ojibwe School

Journey Garden Summer Program at the Fond du Lac Ojibwe School – a summer program that teaches students about gardening, community, science, math, cooking and Ojibwe culture.

A GARDEN 4 EVERY SCHOOL

Dar Fosse • Jeffers Foundation

Our poster is designed to create and interest for schools in starting a school garden. Stop by to learn how to apply for one of 20 school garden grants available to participants.

GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS AWARD

John Olson • Minnesota Department of Education

The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Award goes to schools who demonstrate accomplishments in reducing energy consumptions, promoting health and nutrition and providing quality environment education. The poster will highlight the award program and will feature past awardees that included school gardens in their applications.

NORTHOME SCHOOL’S GARDEN PROGRAM

Daniel Sherman • Northome School

Centered around a map of the project, this poster will encourage school visitors to go outside and see our garden progress. It will include our sponsors’ names, volunteer names, goals, and budget.
GARDEN POTPOURRI

Kelli Ellickson • Cedar Park STEM School
Cedar Park Elementary STEM School shares examples of how our gardens have provided hands-on opportunities for students to meet academic standards. Our poster will highlight how kindergarten through 5th grade students have benefited from their work in the gardens.

ANTHONY MIDDLE SCHOOL PIZZA GARDEN

Diana Straate
2014 was “year one” of Anthony Middle School’s Pizza Garden. It was a learning experience, a huge success and an amazing collaboration of teachers, staff, students, parents, and community partner/sponsor Pizzeria Lola. We plan to highlight its conception, planning, preparation, execution and harvest. Looking forward to year two!!

A BACKYARD FARM

Coleen Gregor / Joan James

INFORMATION TABLES

CHAMPLIN-BROOKLYN PARK ACADEMY

Denise Schnabel
Standards-based, thematic, grade-level gardens and supports for staff, students and families to make it happen

HEALTH PARTNERS (Conference Sponsor)

Thia Bryan

MINNESOTA AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

Al Withers

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM EDUCATION

Jill Leenay
Field Trip Guides and Arboretum resources for teachers