



LAST MINUTE
PLANTING GUIDE



UPCOMING EVENTS



SEPTEMBER SHOUT
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OPPORTUNITIES

APS Gardens

APS Garden Vision:

Albuquerque schools have vibrant gardens/ outdoor classrooms where children are learning through experience about the wonders of the natural world and the cultivation of food.



APS Garden Mission

To provide networking, training and resources to school staff who want to garden with students.



Hello From Your New FoodCorps Service Member!

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mallory Garcia, and I will be supporting the Growing Gardens Team and APS as the School Gardens Coordinator! I serve with a fantastic non-profit called FoodCorps. Our passion is connecting kids to real food that



helps them grow up healthy. We teach kids what healthy food is and where it comes from as well as how to build and tend school gardens and get healthier food into school cafeterias. Some of you may have gotten to know and love our former service member, Fallon Bader. I am happy to report she will be continuing to make magic for schools and community as a FoodCorps service member in Hawaii this year!

A little background information about me. I am a born and raised Burqueño. I graduated from UNM in 2012 with a degree in Secondary Education. I left the 505 to do some traveling after graduation which included a 2 year service with the PeaceCorps in China. Now that I am back home it is wonderful to see the incredible movement that has taken place with school gardens throughout the city and state! I hope to continue to promote the culture of health, gardening and growing across APS.

As the School Gardens Coordinator, I will:

- Provide technical assistance and do site visits in of support garden/outdoor classroom initiatives across Albuquerque schools
- Develop and teach garden/outdoor classroom curriculum in conjunction with the Common Core Standards
- Collaborate with Highland High School and Lavaland Elementary to expand garden spaces, develop curriculum for all grade levels and create community involvement through participation in the gardens.

Thank you for the warmest of welcomes. I am excited – and lucky – to be joining the Growing Gardens Team! Please don't hesitate to be in touch with any questions or suggestions. My APS number is [505 855 5275](tel:5058555275), or you can email me at mallory.garcia@foodcorps.org

Best wishes & happy gardening,
Mallory Garcia

Grant Opportunities

[Everyday Young Hero Award by Youth Service America](#)

Upcoming Event:
Lavaland
Community
Weekend



Come out and dig in the dirt, make new friends (or chat with old ones), and help Lavaland's Community Garden grow. We will be planting trees, building garden beds, painting fences, and other gardening activities. If you have any garden tools, bring them along. We need all the help we can get.

Saturday, Sept 17th
8:00am-12:00pm
For more information,
please contact
Shannon Ryan at
363-1351 or

Upcoming
Event:

Green Chile

Cook Off



It's that time of year again, the chile is ripe, the roasters are roasting and the smell of fresh green chile is in the air!

That means it's time for Burque's original Chile Harvest Fiesta and world famous green chile stew cook-off! Join us Saturday September 24, at Washington middle school park. The cook-off starts at high noon! Everyone can be a judge for just \$5!

This year we celebrate the women in our community who are the keepers of the seeds. We will also be honoring a special group of community leaders with the Jeanne Gauna Social Justice Spirit Awards. Find out more at swop.net

[\(YSA\), Rolling](#)

YSA is seeking nominations for their expanded Everyday Young Hero program. Everyday Young Heroes are young people, ages 5-25, who are improving their communities through service to others and making significant progress in achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). YSA will also select 12 winners throughout 2016 - one per month - to receive \$250 grants to continue and expand their project. Visit the [YSA's website](#) to learn more and submit nomination.

[Disney Summer of Service Grants, Due September 30](#)

[Disney Summer of Service grants](#) will offer young change-makers \$500 to gather their friends and turn creative ideas into projects that will positively impact their communities. Three hundred and forty winners will be awarded individual \$500 grants to implement their projects. Visit the [YSA's website](#) to find out more and apply.

[Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant, Due September 26](#)

LCEF is seeking ways to provide the tools to help educators and parent groups through educational challenges by providing the greatest impact, with basic necessities being the priority. Raise up to \$5,000 for your school! Details [here](#).

September Shout Outs

Alamosa Elementary

Alamosa Elementary received a \$7,500 grant to start up a garden on campus from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Natural Resources Conservation Service in New Mexico.

Dr. Joe Leonard, the USDA's assistant secretary for Civil Rights, joined APS Superintendent Raquel Reedy and other dignitaries on Tuesday, Aug. 23, as Alamosa began constructing its



garden beds. Students and teachers got their hands dirty building, planting and watering the new garden as parents and camera crews stood by to document the event.

Van Buren Middle School

Congrats to Van Buren for starting the school year strong with their Sembrando Jardines Food For Change. This is a student led campaign to:

- Provide access to healthy food for community members
- Teach people how to grow food at their homes and in their communities
- Fundraise to support Food for Change and Van Buren Garden Club
- Collect food donations to support the Van Buren Family Center and other services



Don't hesitate to drive by and see the incredible garden growing at Van Buren on your way to their Mobile Food Bank which takes place every Monday from 2:30-4:00. For more information and additional locations, just click [here](#).

Last Minute Planting Guide: The "It's Almost Too Cold" Edition

September can be seen as a garden finale. If you're quick to act you can still make some magic happen. Now is a great time to plant trees and shrubs that will grow to their full glory come May. It's also not too late for some last minute veggies, although this will take a little more planning. There are plenty of candidates for cold frames- arugula, chard, lettuce, spinach, radishes, carrots, onions, garlic, broccoli and turnips. Planting these now will give you an early winter harvest and head start for spring.

If you've never built a cold frame or hoop garden there is a fantastic tutorial on the NMSU Bernalillo County Extension page. You can access it [here](#). Hoop gardens are great because they shelter plants from the cold and ward off frost. They are also budget friendly. All of your materials- rebar, conduit and plastic can be picked up from any home goods/hardware store.

(Info taken from [Down to Earth: A Gardener's Guide to the Albuquerque Area- ABQ Area Extension Master Gardeners, 2010](#))



2016 Albuquerque School Gardens Snapshots & Stories

SEPTEMBER 2016

Snapshots and Stories

In case you missed some of the impressive work that happened last school year, here is a refresher from the one and only- Fallon Bader! You can access this amazing body of work on Google Drive [here](#).

