

TGP's Gleaning Program is growing each year, as a team of volunteers goes into the community picking fruit that homeowners have no need for. This harvest like the others, feed people.

We just received the green light to move forward with our vermiculture program, which will not only diversify the educational aspects we offer, but at some point will provide a funding stream to support TGP's work.

During 2021, The Greenhouse Project launched its Sustainability Endowment Fund, with the goal being to raise \$1 million, hopefully by the end of this year. This fund will cover the program's operational and fundraising costs in perpetuity ensuring that regardless of what the future brings, TGP's important work is funded and continues.

The pandemic and 2020 showed us how uncertain and changeable things can be. TGP's board went from planning it's 13th annual Concert Under the Stars, to the realization that as much as that event had been wildly successful and anticipated each year, that circumstances ended what we had perceived as something that would always be.

We had to find another way because TGP's operational costs and the demand for produce is neither diminished or ending.

When you are thinking about charitable giving this year, please consider a financial gift to The Greenhouse Project. Donations are tax deductible and can be given in the name of someone on your gift-giving list, in memoriam of a loved one, or simply because you see the value in what TGP brings to the community.

GivingTuesday is a global day of generosity that takes place Nov. 30. Your choosing The Greenhouse Project as an organization you will support this GivingTuesday is greatly appreciated. The link for giving can be found at www.carsoncitygreenhouse.org.

Legacy giving can also make a lasting impact and can take a number of forms that include recurring donations while the donor is alive and continue after they've deceased. If you're interested in considering a legacy gift in your will to The Greenhouse Project, please let us know, and be sure to consult your attorney or financial planner.

Also included on TGP's site are ways you can support TGP and how your financial donations are used. You can help us grow our Sustainability Endowment Fund in a way that will provide a continued benefit long into the future.

Know that every donation, whether \$5 or \$5 million is received in gratitude, knowing we are that much closer to ensuring TGP and the good it does for our community continues long after we're gone.

May you and your families be blessed with abundance of all good things this season and into the new year. Thank you for your consideration, generosity and ongoing support.

Quality Thyme

Director's Report, Jon Ruiter

As we approach this holiday season, and in a time when we're looking to not just give, but give in



a meaningful way, we're introducing our new gift-giving program. Now, you can share your love of The Greenhouse Project with others by making a contribution in their name. Your special gift helps us in our mission, increases awareness and continues long past any ribbons or bows.

If you own a business, consider giving the gift of sustainability to your clients. For families and friends, a non-traditional gift could be just the thing.

Our desire to create a sustainable community rich and healthier in all areas is moving forward – in large part thanks to all of your support.

As we continue our fundraising efforts, after the pinch we felt in 2020, The Greenhouse Project is on its way to ensuring a sustainable future with the launch of its Sustainability Endowment Fund. We're making progress on our goal to raise \$1 million to invest in ongoing operational future and

fundraising needs – and that's where you can continue to support us.

The Sustainability Endowment Fund will create consistent support for our organization and fund our agriculture resources to the Carson City community.

To give a gift in someone's name, visit our website at carsoncitygreenhouse.org – we've made it easy to give.



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CELEBRATING OUR LOVE AND APPRECIATION FOR THE GREENHOUSE PROJECT ONE GIFT AT TIME.

This is a gift in honor of

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\$ _____.

To be contributed to the Greenhouse Project's Sustainability Endowment Fund.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FROM



Minding Your Peas and Cucumbers

Manager, Cory King

It's certainly possible to keep a few things growing into the winter, but not without some effort! It's only natural to respond to the change of seasons by slowing down a little, taking a break. Unless you're tending to things in a greenhouse, low tunnel or hoop house, just let things rest. Cover your garden with rich compost and some mulch and wait to see what Mother Nature has in store for us this winter. It's a good time to clean and repair tools, take stock of supplies like row cover and twine, process saved seeds, and dream about spring.



Of course, it's also time to check out the seed catalogs. Everyone has their favorite seed companies, and there are plenty of catalogs passing through the mail right now. Perhaps it's time to try growing something new in the garden, or maybe you want to stick to things that are tried and true. It's always fun to experiment and it won't hurt to devote a little space to a crop you have never grown before. There are endless possibilities available, from the oldest heirlooms to new hybrids. Take time to shop around to see what is out there.

Another great way to discover a new crop is by swapping seeds with fellow gardeners. If you saved seeds from your favorite crops, why not share with others? Trading seeds is an important way to preserve the diversity in our gardens and to promote locally adapted plants that will thrive in our area.

The Bug Corner

Assistant Manager, Will Pierz

Boxelder and Elm Seed Bugs

This time of year in Northern Nevada many may be dealing with (hopefully minor) home entry and infestation of two species of nuisance pest: Boxelder and Elm Seed Bugs. Both are considered "nuisance" pests meaning they don't cause any real harm to agricultural crops, ornamental plants, pets or people. They can however, be bothersome by seeking shelter for hibernation as the weather cools inside homes, garages, walls, etc. Once homes are being consistently heated, the insects can be tricked into breaking hibernation and seeking food and water within the home. Spiders are minor predators, but few birds or other insects utilize them as a food source due to the insects' chemical defenses (similar to stink bugs). The best strategy for mitigation is preventing infestations by reducing populations. This can be achieved by raking up fallen seed and debris from the host trees in spring and early summer: Maple, Ash, and Boxelder for the Boxelder Bug and Elm for the Seed Bugs.



Not Your Grandfather's Farm

TGP Action Group Volunteer, Millie Karol

**Explore Today's
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Bently Ranch makes Carson Valley their home because of its natural beauty and welcoming community.

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Head office: 1089 Stockyard Road Minden, NV 89423



Scan or go to this link [HERE](#).



Meet the Board

The Greenhouse Project's Board of Directors are a hardworking and diverse group of civic minded members of the community. All TGP board members are volunteers and aim to serve the mission of the TGP.

Public Officer/Public Relations, Karel Ancona-Henry



Karel C. Ancona was born in San Francisco and raised throughout National Forests in California as her stepfather worked for the United States Forest Service; first on the Mendocino, then the Angeles and finally the Plumas in Lassen County in Milford, Calif., north of Reno.

Her parents instilled the importance of community. It was at this final stop the family spent the most time, and Karel was heavily involved in 4-H, focusing on leadership and community service. She is a charter member of Milford 4-H Club and as its president started the community center building fund, which culminated in that facility which also houses the post office. Her family hosted soldiers from Sierra Army Depot every Thanksgiving and Christmas and regularly visited senior citizens at the care facility in Susanville.

She was raised to believe we each have a responsibility to others in our community, a mindset she has carried with her throughout her life.

After four years as a firefighter with California Department of Forestry, Karel began working in journalism, a passion she had pursued beginning at age 11, again with the belief she could affect change. While that may be arguable, this was a successful career path, garnering awards for journalism and editing, affording her many unique experiences and leading her eventually to Adele's via her entertainment writing. During an auspicious lunch meeting in 2007 with John Procaccini (who also serves on TGP's board) she met Chef Charlie Abowd, whose wife, Karen, is TGP's founder. Life is whimsical that way!

It was this that brought her to being involved with The Greenhouse Project as Concert Under the Stars moved from being a fun community event to a benefit for TGP, an organization that fits the criteria of everything she values.

After several years of informally supporting TGP she joined the Action Group, volunteers that help organize fundraising events. She then joined the Executive Board in 2016 in the role of public officer/public relations.

Even though she returned to Milford where she farms hemp and is the public relations coordinator for Best Cali Hemp and Reliable Blends Health and Wellness, Karel continues to serve on both the TGP board and action group.

There's more work to do.

Food insecurity is a more pressing concern now than when TGP actively began growing produce in 2010, and agricultural and vocationally-based education are needed to ensure the next generation has the knowledge and passion to successfully and sustainably farm.

She has authored two books, is now co-authoring a third with Chef Charlie and is restoring a 1908 farmhouse with the intention of running it as a bed and breakfast, once time allows.

Her most important work this lifetime is being Emily and Marshall's mom and Scarlet and Arlo's grandma. (Oh, and grandma to Marshall's furbabies, Beans and Toast.)

Meet our New Americorps Member

AmeriCorps is the only federal agency tasked with elevating service and volunteerism in America. It provides opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to give their time and talent to strengthen communities across our country.

By bringing people together to serve communities, AmeriCorps is making service to others an indispensable part of the American experience.



We are happy to introduce Ellie Larkin, TGP's new full time AmeriCorps member. She was raised in St. George, Utah, and has a degree in Biology from Southern Utah University. During her college experience, she helped manage the community garden at her school. She is following her passion, which is being involved in sustainable and organic growing. She came out to Carson City specifically to work with us at TGP, and we are grateful to have her. Welcome Ellie! We look forward to the next year of having you around the garden!

The Greenhouse Project utilizes AmeriCorps members to help meet our mission and get things done!

Fun Fact

The Greenhouse Project is proud to support Agricultural Education through the Carson High School FFA Program.



Upcoming Events

Foothill Garden Series Educational Workshops



Passive Soil Building, Green Waste Management, and Compost 101

Friday, November 5th, 11 AM – 12 PM

Foothill Garden, 1535 Medical Pkwy in Carson City

For for information go to our FB Event page [HERE](#).



Save the Soil: Solving Problems by Reducing Erosion and Building Soil

Friday, December 3rd, 11 AM – 12 PM

Foothill Garden, 1535 Medical Pkwy in Carson City

For for information go to our FB Event page [HERE](#).

In Case You Missed It

2021 Downtown Flower Basket Sponsors

The hanging flower baskets along the downtown corridor have been removed for the season. We would like to once again thank the generous sponsors who supported The Greenhouse Project's community beautification program:

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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers range from beginners to Master Gardeners, from ages 10-100 with smiling faces are encouraged to come work with us



for an hour or a day. Tasks range from harvesting vegetables for donations, pruning flowers, planting seeds, transplanting seedlings and site maintenance to helping to organize our fundraising events.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about ways in which you can be involved!

Online Store

We also have a [Shopify Store](#)! We sell plants that appropriate for the time of year, and also ones that will do well in our local environment. Pick ups are at Green Central behind the Carson High School.



"There's nothing wrong with having a tree as a friend"

~American painter and beloved TV host Bob Ross

Contact info@carsoncitygreenhouse.org to learn more about volunteer opportunities and ways that you can involved with TGP!! We would love to hear from you!



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