Beloit Urban Garden: Setting Down Roots

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Summer 2014

Mission
• Student-led effort to provide local food to campus and to teach students about food production
• Started in 2013
• Continues to provide a beautiful green space for campus and community

Fall 2014
• Get ready to implement alternative methods of agriculture
  • Straw bale gardening
  • Potato barrels
  • Raised beds

Fall Harvest Event
• Music
• Food
• Gardening Classes

Soil Rejuvenation
• Add compost to plots
• Cover crop

Winter 2014/15
• The Winter months can be used to do planning for the upcoming gardening season.
  • Planning crops
    • Productivity
    • Space
    • Usefulness
    • Sources
  • Work with the administration to expand.
  • Research new ideas

Spring 2015
Get ready to implement alternative methods of agriculture
• Straw bale gardening
• Potato barrels
• Raised beds

MAY
• Buy straw, compost, and mulch
• Identify Sustainability Fellow
• Plant spring and early summer crops
  • Greens, peas, radishes etc.
  • Greenhouse starts

Straw bale gardens are a cheap and efficient way to garden in otherwise unsuitable locations such as the sunny driveway next to the garden.

Summer 2015
• Continue adding to our native plant beds
• Start an herb garden on the north side of the house
• Get summer students involved in the garden
• Continue researching
• Experiment with new crops and ideas
• Monitor production levels

Native plantings help attract pollinators.

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