

# Conserve

News from Lemhi Regional Land Trust & the Salmon School Garden

## Glass Garden Gathering Friendraiser

Spring is all about new beginnings, and what better way to welcome the season than by gathering as a community to create something green, beautiful, and long-lasting? The Glass Garden Gathering terrarium workshops put together by Lemhi Regional Land Trust (LRLT) was a perfect way to do just that! Held on March 12th and March 26th, these workshops were a celebration of nature, creativity, and connection, bringing people together for a hands-on experience in building self-sustaining miniature gardens.

Our first workshop filled up almost instantly—proof that our community is full of plant lovers eager to dig into something new! Due to overwhelming demand, we opened a second session on March 26th, giving more folks the chance to take part in the fun.

Each workshop provided participants with the opportunity to design their own unique glass-encased garden using layers of soil, moss, rocks, and carefully chosen plants. With guidance from LRLT Outreach Coordinator Makenze Hodges, everyone learned the secrets of terrarium care, ensuring that their tiny ecosystems would thrive for months (or even years!) to come. But these workshops were about more than just plants. They were

about community. As we all sat around tables, scooping soil and arranging moss, the conversations flowed as easily as the creativity. Strangers became friends, families bonded over shared projects, and everyone took a well-deserved break from the hustle of daily life to enjoy something simple and meaningful. In a world that often feels fast-paced and digital, moments like these—where we can come together in person, connect, and create—are more important than ever.

At LRLT, we believe that building strong, engaged communities is just as important as conserving land and protecting our ranching lands and natural resources. Events like Glass Garden Gathering provide a space where people of all ages and backgrounds can come together, learn something new, and develop a deeper appreciation for the environment around them. When people have the opportunity to engage with nature in a hands-on, creative way, it fosters a greater sense of stewardship and care for the land we call home.

To everyone who joined us—THANK YOU! Your enthusiasm, creativity, and willingness to get your hands a little dirty made these workshops truly special. We loved seeing your one-of-a-kind terrariums come to life, and even more, we loved watching our community grow a little closer through this shared experience.

**If you were not able to attend this time, don't worry—this is just the beginning! We're always looking for new ways to bring people together and celebrate the natural beauty of our region. Keep an eye out for future workshops and events, like our Paint and Sip with Heidi Messner this fall!**



# Agriculture Week Recap: Cultivating Knowledge with Hands-on Learning

Agriculture Week was an exciting and educational experience, bringing hands-on learning to students across Lemhi County March 17th-21st. Through interactive lessons and engaging activities, students gained a deeper understanding of the essential role agriculture plays in our everyday lives. These activities were made possible with help from Lemhi County Extension office, Lemhi County Farm Bureau, and the University of Idaho Nancy M. Cummings research, Extension and Education Center and a variety of other partners.

The week began with visits to Tendoy School (K-5 grades) and Fernwaters Charter School (K-3 grades), where students explored the fundamental parts of a plant. Through hands-on demonstrations, we started by learning about roots of the plant, like carrots, beets, and radishes. Next, we talked about stems, and different edible stems that we like to eat, such as, celery and asparagus. Then we moved on to leaves, talking about spinach, lettuce, and kale. However, the most popular plant part we eat is the fruit. Apples, strawberries, peppers and tomatoes all come from this part of the plant. And speaking of seeds, we eat those too! Peas, corn, beans, and sunflower seeds are all seeds that can grow into new plants that are edible as well. The kids loved sorting real fruits and veggies on their plant part worksheet.



*Students organizing their veggies into the correct part of the plant.*

Midweek, we collaborated with the Idaho Farm Bureau Taking Agriculture to the Classroom Trailer and other partners to talk with students from Calvary Chapel (1-3 grades) and the Pioneer Elementary School (1-3 grades) on the water cycle. This engaging session covered the processes of evaporation, condensation, and precipitation, demonstrating how water moves through the environment to sustain life. Students participated in activities that illustrated the importance of water conservation and its direct impact on agriculture such as crop and pasture irrigation, fish farming, and dairy production. Other stations included, "The Earth is an Apple", and a brief overview of the dairy industry.

To close out the week, we spent time at the University of Idaho Nancy M. Cummings Research, Extension, and Education Center with Pioneer Elementary and Fernwater's 5th graders for the annual beef field day. Here, students experienced a fascinating experiment—extracting DNA from strawberries. This hands-on activity introduced them to the basics of genetics, showing how DNA plays a crucial role in beef cattle production. Additionally, students attended workshops, gaining insights into facets of beef production, including calving, nutrition (human and animal), and technology.

A week of growth and discovery, Agriculture Week was a tremendous success, fostering curiosity and a deeper appreciation for the world of farming, science, and agriculture. The students' enthusiasm and engagement made it clear how valuable hands-on agricultural education is in shaping future generations' understanding of the world around them. We look forward to continuing to bring these learning opportunities to our community and inspiring young minds to explore the many facets of agriculture. Thank you to all the educators, volunteers, and organizations that made this week possible!



*Students working to extract strawberry DNA with Dr. Benton Glaze*



**SATURDAY, MAY 17TH  
10 AM - 1 PM**

## Annual Plant Sale

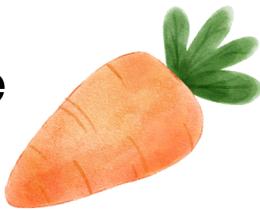
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1309 Minnie Street [behind Wild Side Sports]

**All sales by donation!**

- Hanging Flower Baskets
- Zinnias, Marigolds, Petunias
- Tomatoes
- Herbs
- Winter Squash
- Summer Squash
- Peppers
- Swiss Chard
- Cucumbers
- Pumpkins
- Strawberries
- AND MUCH MORE!

## 3rd Grade Digs In



This month, the third-grade students at the Pioneer Elementary brought science to life in the Salmon School Garden. With the help from Makenze Hodges, Lemhi Regional Land Trust Outreach Coordinator, they explored the fascinating life cycle of a carrot—not just in books, but with their own two hands. Instead of planting seeds, students learned a unique gardening technique by planting dormant carrots to observe how growth begins from the tap-root itself.

The lesson kicked off with an engaging discussion about how carrots grow. Students studied each stage of the life cycle—from seed to sprout, mature plant, flowering, and eventually, seed production. But this time, instead of starting from seeds, students were introduced to the idea that dormant carrots—those with their leafy tops trimmed—can be "brought back to life" in the right conditions. Carrots are biennial plants, which means they grow roots the first year, then flower and produce seeds the second year. So if you want to collect seeds, you have to let the carrot go dormant over winter. Planting dormant carrots gives

*M. Hodges showing the students how to plant and space their carrots.*

them the cold rest they need to, 'wake up', and grow flowers and seeds in the spring. In the School Garden, each student was given 1-2 dormant carrot. With guidance from their teacher, they dug small holes, placed their carrots root-down, 12 inches apart and gently covered them with soil. The kids were amazed to learn that, with water and sunlight, these carrots would soon begin to regrow their leafy tops and possibly even produce seeds. Carrot seeds will be ready to harvest in late September to start the process over again for next year's 3rd graders.

## THE SECRET GARDEN SALE

FRIDAY | MAY | 16 | 5:00-7:00PM

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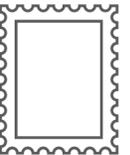
June 28th, 2025 - 5 to 8 pm

Dinner - Live Music- Kids Activities - Online & In-Person Auction

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