

## Garden Objectives

### *Garden Ecosystems:*

Encourage natural and organic methods of gardening which promote healthy ecosystems

### *Quality of Life:*

Develop methods of gardening that are inclusive to everyone regardless of one's abilities

### *Children's Gardening*

Establishing interactive displays to help children learn the many benefits that gardens offer

### *Heritage Gardening*

Promoting the use of heirloom plant materials which chronicle our diverse cultural backgrounds



The Holistic Garden is located on West Campus directly behind the Horticulture and Forest Science Building (HFSB). Free weekend parking is available in parking lot 74, just east of HFSB. A printable campus map is available at this address:

<http://www.tamu.edu/oo/map/>



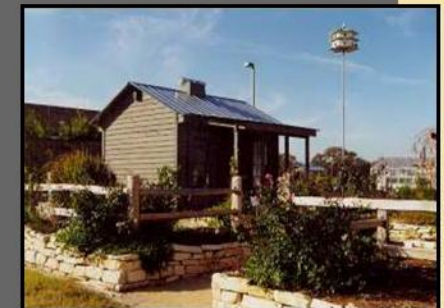
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# The Holistic Garden

at Texas A&M University



## Our Mission:

Our mission is to create and maintain a gardening environment designed to improve health and quality of life for persons of all ages and abilities.

## Who We Are:

The Holistic Garden was established in 1986 as a teaching facility for courses in horticulture and floriculture. The garden shows how production of food and ornamental crops can be in balance with the natural ecosystem. It has features that enable anyone, regardless of ability or disability, to garden. In addition to its many educational opportunities, the Holistic Garden is a serene setting in which to relax and enjoy nature.



## Our Gardens:

### Children's Discovery Trail

This garden is a learning tool for children. It includes interactive displays that encourage a child in learning about plants, animals and microbes that are part of the garden ecosystem.

### Heritage Garden

This garden is a living museum dedicated to the plants used by the early settlers of Texas. It focuses on our diverse cultural backgrounds.

### Enabling Garden

This garden is dedicated to gardeners with varied abilities. It offers raised beds at different heights, vertical planters, wheelchair-accessible planters, a display of enabling tools, and other ideas to make gardening accessible to all.

### Rainforest Garden

This greenhouse garden displays an array of tropical trees, vines, ferns, orchids, and other exotic plants. It has coffee, cacao, vanilla, ginger and other economically-important tropical crops.

### Interactive Organic Garden

This garden illustrates the principles of organic gardening that are used throughout the Holistic Garden.

### Maroon and White Garden

The garden is project of Aggie Master Gardeners. Students participate in regular work gatherings to maintain this display of Aggie spirit...*Whoop!*



## Educational Opportunities

### Informational Tours

Interactive guided tours offer a hands-on learning experience.

### Workshops for Children

We offer hands-on programs for children within the fields of garden science.

### Teacher's Workshops

These events assist teachers in successfully building school gardens.

### Community Education

We host workshops on organic practices, compost production, and development of horticultural therapy programs.

### Workshops for Older Adults

Two-day to two-week hands-on workshops in garden techniques for older adults.



## Garden Support:

The garden is totally dependent on the help of volunteers and monetary contributions from people just like you. For more information on how you can help support the garden, please contact us.

Thank You !