

PDX Garden Stories

Interviews with participants in Growing Gardens Home Gardens Program Portland, Oregon

Interview with Nancy

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Nancy-I'll just quit yacking 'cause I'll just keep going.

Brian-No, this is good, this is really good.

Nancy-(laughs) But I mean you probably have an agenda so we can go with that.

Michael-Well we have a few points to reach but we can get side-tracked all you want...

Nancy-Ok well...

Brian-This is about you.

Michael-(laughs)

Nancy-Oh it's all about me, it's never about me! This is good.

Brian-So, uh, like I said, briefly talked about what we're doing. As a group, there's 5 groups and we each interview 2 individuals and we're gonna collaborate together and make a web page. And we're gonna, we don't know how it's gonna look yet, but there'll be videos and we'll transcribe quotes and a page devoted to the 10 interviewees. So it's a cool process and we'll eventually present it to Growing Gardens and they'll take it over.

Michael-That way, y'all's story will get told. And it acts as kind of a testimonial and acts as evidence of, uh, how gardening changes lives, if it does.

Nancy-I think that's incredible. Yeah.

M-And uh, with that, um, heheh.

B-And I have additional questions from the, the sheet, if you need, too.

M-Oh cool.

N-You guys just go back and forth.

B-Yeah because our part will just be snipped out, we'll just take quotes and ...

M-Let's start from the beginning ummm...can you tell me about your experience gardening? Possibly growing up or...

N-I can.

M-Yeah?

N-I grew up in Southwestern Pennsylvania, and um, there were 5 of us, and my parents had I think they had a couple acres of land, but it was all rock and, or, I can't remember the story but basically they had to come it just to get to the house and they had a to bring, umm, bulldozers and, so while they did that my father said, 'let's make an area for gardening'. So I remember from the time I was a little kid, and then he made little steps so we could go from the house up to the garden, it was huge, and it was wonderful and each of us was allowed to have our own little garden. I don't know why, but I think because I liked strawberry rhubarb pie, I had strawberries, rhubarb, and radishes in my garden. But um, my parents had blueberry plants-izy no, you know better. Behave, um she tried to sneak away-um, so we always gardened, um, as we got older that was part of our job, to weed (which we loved, but not really) and harvest, and I just really loved working in the soil. When I went off to college and I would come back that would always be like my summer project was to, you know, work in the garden for my folks. And then, I went away and went, um, to school in Boston and then Maine, and then I came out here. Each place I had my little herb gardens and little window-sill gardens. I had a roof garden, um, I think it was...outside of Boston...it's called Cambridge, and I think it was called Kenmore Square. It's been a long time. And I had a garden up on the roof and that was nice. And then I came out here, I knew one person from Oregon. I got a job as a school behavior consultant for Yamhill County, working all over. And my friend said, 'you can stay here until you get a place as long as you do gardening for us'. And I'm like, hey that's a great deal, I love gardening. I had gardened, but I never gardened in Oregon, and I had seen slugs, but I had not seen Oregon slugs [laughs]. So I was out and I don't know what plant, all I know is I let out a blood-curdling scream because there was this slug that was just huge! And then I realized, oh this is Oregon, we have really big slugs out here. But anyways, that was something that I did was, I gardened for my friend and then, um, in seven years I got married, um, we lived in Salem, we lived all over. And then we moved here probably about, I would say...I don't know, we did have a garden at our last place and then we had one here. We had amazing gardens. We would have so much that we were not only feeding our family, but we would, you know, give it to neighbors. Then as I was a social worker, I also have families and co-workers so I would take it to work and I would take them my plants and do tastings and it's always been something that gives me, um, peace, you know. By the end of the day my back was falling apart, but I just love gardening and I love getting out there especially after it's all done and it's all weeded. This year's kind of a slow year for us but, um, it's been something that I really enjoy doing and and my girls...they enjoy harvesting [laughs] not so much the weeding and planting.

Although I think I'm paying one of them this year because my knee's kind of sore. Um, to do that. But, I don't know if you have specific questions...

M-Um, yeah that was a specific question right there, um, and the gardening as a youth you have plenty of experience with it, that's awesome. So what, what got you in with Growing Gardens? What drew you there?

N-Well that's a good question. When I worked for Multnomah County, I worked for early Headstart, and I found out about Growing Gardens because back when I started in social...in early Headstart there wasn't really a whole resource network and now there's all these great resources and you can get connections and plus you can Google everything. But um, so I did some research because I thought that would be something beneficial for my clients. Even if it was a plant, or just something so their kids could also do that. And I um, I also was a teacher, and I had worked with autistic kids. And we would have, we would grow plants, and we would do that. So, I looked up growing gardens, and found out about their program. Got some applications and a couple of my clients applied and they built, I think for one person, a raised bed garden. And I think they had limited funds at the time, so I got one for my agency. And then we just did some herbs, like some people would do a plot of herbs they would use a pot like cilantro and chives. Whatever it was, the kinds of things they liked, and just really took a lot of growing gardens information and used that. And then, as non-profit agencies go, every few years some program is getting closed and so, I think two of the early Headstarts I had, they lost their grants and um, I took some time off and I thought 'oh I'll take a little time, it'll be easy' and it wasn't easy as I thought to get work, so I was like 'ok, what am I going to do with myself?' So I called growing gardens and said, 'I used this program with my clients and right now, you know, I'm not working and um, I could use some help. I don't need someone to build it for me but I certainly could use some resources and some ideas'. We'd have some years where the garden was huge and wonderful and some years where it was like, what is going on? So I really felt like I wanted some help and I cannot remember...um, Rodney, is Rodney still the director?

M-yeah.

N-OK, well Rodney actually came with his group and they came over and they were not going to build anything for me, they were just going to bring me stuff. I um, I happened to kind of pushed myself too hard, because, I can't remember exactly what I did, I was helping my friend put in her garden and I had a friend that was, she had cancer, and she really wanted to put her garden in and she couldn't and I had a respiratory thing, but I was like, 'it's ok we can do it, I'll help you and I had worked in my garden and said, 'let me come over and help you', she lives in Camas. We went to the Camas, I guess there's only one like, gardening store or whatever. So we went there and we asked for a roto-tiller and the guy was like 'hey we only have one roto-tiller'. And I'm like, whatever. And they said, 'well it's a commercial roto-tiller'. And we're like, 'Well that's fine, we don't care!' It took these two huge men with really strong arms to lug this thing in the back of my friend's van. They were bigger than both of us and I'm not thinking, 'How are we going to move this thing?' So this is like Ethyl and Lucy, if you remember 'I love Lucy'. It was really comical, but really pathetic. So we would, the two of, once you turned it on it had a life of its own. It was huge! So we roto-tilled her garden. It took both of us to turn it. So we could pull it back and we were both pouring down sweat, like what are we doing? But anyways we got her garden

planted because that was important, to me, and then I think I got sick and didn't get to plant my garden or something [laughs]. And so, Rodney was like, 'Well why don't I come over with my people?' and he said 'we're not gonna do a raised bed, but we'll work your soil for you'. So they came and worked, I have a, uh, probably 20 by 15 spot, and they worked that for me. Then, because we have so much rocks here, they put rocks all the way around the garden and ever since then this has become like a theme. I do rock, we do all kinds of rocks, we, you know, use them therapeutically. You know, like, for mindfulness, for the garden. The girls like to paint and we have kids coming over. They always know they can come over here and paint rocks. Um, anyway, that was how I got started with Growing Gardens, and I really have used so much of their information. You know they have the planting sheets that talk about, um, what you can plant when. They are wonderful, and I have given those to coworkers and I've given them to clients and people were just so impressed with all the resources that they do have. And it's like, every year, and I haven't done it yet this year, but every year I started with their 'drawing the garden', like how you want it to be. I was thinking I probably have it upstairs somewhere. I use colored pencils and make it look funny, but every year it's changed. I have no idea what it's gonna look like this year but herbs are a big part of it. I've gone their events. I've been working so many hours this year-I kinda, took on a couple extra jobs-so I'm not doing as much of that kind of stuff, and I'm a little slow on my garden. But I just think they're an amazing program, and I met someone in the first year who was my, I don't know what you call them, like a mentor. We became friends, we both had been special ed. Teachers and so we kinda keep in touch. Um, we keep in touch by email, not as much as we used to but she used to come over and what we did -and I think this is kind of what Growing Garden's idea was- is that, we would just share. Like I'd say, 'I got some seeds' and she'd say 'I have some seeds' and I'd say, 'what the heck is this?' and we'd look it up. So it was really nice to have kind of a gardening buddy so that pure part of it is probably one of my favorite things. That was really nice. And it forces me, because I am so busy, if I'm committed to somebody coming over, I will show up and I will do that. If it's a social event, or a potluck, well life happens and I don't get there. I really like all the educational things that growing gardens does. And I still use, before I do anything, I pull out my Growing Gardens manual and I look at, kind of, the main thing is what you can plant when, and for a few year I was planting everything by seed. So I was growing the seeds and I had seeds in pots all over here and then I would transplant. I'm really lazy this year so I think, and it's a little later so I...

M-Going with starts?

N-Yeah. And I did get some yesterday and I'm not sure, I know I'm on their list, but I didn't get the thing from them saying that there was a plant distribution. Brian told me about that. So I was so happy and I took my girls with me yesterday. We got a bunch of starts so they're all over the place.

B-That's the best

N-Yeah, they didn't have anything to put them in so I'm like dumping out my work for my families because I have everything in developmental stages and I just dumped everything in my car and pull the bins out so that's my plan, to get the soil worked on.

M-So you said you helped your clients connect with Growing Gardens, too? What are some of the changes you seen happen with their life? How it's impacted them? Have you seen less stress about food?

N-Oh absolutely, and just being able to control that and have what you want and being able to share. You know, for a lot of my clients over the years, many of them live in the poverty guidelines, and it's really hard when people are always giving to you. Kind of like in my group, but now you got like, they'll give me their baby food that's not expired and clothes and I always take it and talk about how that's helping others and that's kind of what I would see too. I'd go to a house and mom says 'I have too many tomatoes and I don't know what to do with them, give them to your other clients!' or I'd say, 'can you bring them to the picnic that we're gonna have?' so you can share with them. And I've had a couple parents that have helped other parents, help them plant in pots or whatever. So I definitely have seen that they feel like they have, um, more control. Is there somebody there? Hi! [daughter at the door]

M-It's coffee.

N-Oh, HA!!! [laughs]

Daughter: I have some coffee

N-Now tell me your name again?

M-Mike

N-Mike, this is Claire. This is my baby.

Claire: Hi

M-Hi.

N-[whispers something about her daughter and making coffee] Claire thank you.

N-You know Starbucks used to um, I don't know if they still do it, but they used to give coffee grounds to people to put in their gardens.

M-Yeah I uh, actually one of the coffee carts I worked for would do that too.

N-oh that's wonderful.

M-I think they should just do that everywhere because there's so much coffee in this town.

N-Oh my gosh, yes, yes there is. We love our coffee. So um, and I think again it's just that feeling of pride being able to do something and nurture it. And grow something and start from something little and I would come and they'd say 'come see my garden' and they may just have a little tiny garden, just a little

herb garden, but it was something that made them feel really good and their kids would then be eating stuff that was organic, and learning about grown and you know that's what I feel like, if you can teach that, and now with all the GMOs and all the other stuff it's really good to have people doing that. I hadn't really thought about it because I do it on a small level, but I'm just thinking while I'm talking, but I'm thinking I'm gonna do something with some of my clients where we have an event and maybe we do some planting and they all walk away with a couple plants. We do activities around literacy and we do activities around child development and gardening is such a wonderful thing for them. **(Nancy Part 1 Video file ends here)** For the kids to see that, I think that you guys have gotten me motivated to do that in June.

M-Awesome. Uh, did you ever end up taking advantage of the workshops?

N-I did. I um, I didn't follow through. I did uh, the composting one, didn't have a lot of luck with my compost because my husband kept putting things in there that you weren't supposed to. And then we didn't really have the right, somebody was going to come help me create, uh, an actual compost facility. But the good thing about that was then I went back east and was there for a while with my mom and I'm teaching my sister who had compost in there, and didn't know that you need to turn it over and stuff. So I'm like, ok at least you're doing composting right. So I felt like I could pass that along. I had, um, I'm trying to think about other ones...I think there was one on worms. I had a couple early on that I did, and one was about all year gardening. And I had somebody talk to me recently that said if you get into yearlong gardening, then it just becomes a routine, it is part of what you do. So I think it's something I want to check out some more information on that. I have a stack of stuff, because when I first started I was kind of like a sponge and I wanted all the information. Plus, I always think well maybe I could use it with friends or clients or family. I need to kind of go back maybe after you guys leave [unable to hear what she's saying quietly]. I will go through and see if I can pull some of that out. The workshops were great, they were really helpful and really supportive, and really applicable. Growing Gardens was always like, it was all just information that they handed out on paper, it was really 'This is how you do it and let's practice'. I remember when we were talking about our gardens we actually all like, writing out what do you want to plant and where are you going to put it, how far apart? So that by the time we left, we had an actual plan for how we were going to put that in the garden. I think that helped a lot.

B-You mentioned earlier your childhood around gardening, are you kind of painting that same picture, you know, for your children? You mentioned, briefly, kind of the help in more harvesting than weeding, but you paint a very vivid image of how much it affected you, are they getting that same kind of experience?

N-Um, I think they're getting a real positive image from it. I was asking my 16 year old, who served you coffee, I was asking her, when we were going to get the plants, and we were driving back, I said, 'You know, you could be part of the interview if you want, and you could talk', and she said 'Oh no, mom, I'm too shy'.

B-That would be great, she's welcome to that's great. Her fifteen minutes of fame! In a good way.
[Laughs]

N-She was like, 'No, I'll tell you though: I think it's really cool'. And for her that says a lot. She said, 'It's just really nice'. And I asked, 'Well what do you remember?' Because I've been doing this since she was little. And she said 'I just remember being in the house, and you being outside for a while, and you'd come back in and say 'look what I got out of the garden!' She said, 'Mom it was so amazing, because I didn't even like vegetables'. And she said 'We could make something out of it'. I'd make pasta primavera, and say 'That all came from the garden, except for the noodles'. Just that kind of stuff, you know, I love to make pesto. They love my green pasta and they love pesto and that comes from all of that, except for the parmesan cheese and the pine nuts. And they like salsa, and I like to grow tomatillos. And different kinds of peppers, although you wanna make sure if you have toddlers, you don't put the red, the orange peppers...

B-Habaneros...?

N-I don't know, they're little. Maybe that's that. This was not me, but this was somebody that I...you know, whenever I would do stuff from seeds, I would do a bunch of starts. Especially when I wasn't working, because I'm used to working lots of hours, and my kids were both in school and it's like I didn't want to go back to school, so I would, the gardening became a real focus for me and I started everything from starts. I had all these pepper starts, and I'm like giving them to everybody and they would go and plant them in their gardens. I remember somebody doing something with the orange peppers and the orange peppers are hot, that's all I remember. Milk helped [laughs]. I think the other things I remember, um, that both Leah and Claire have said is that they love when I would have too many tomatoes, I got too many zucchinis, and they'd take them around to the neighbors. And just that feeling of, 'Mom that was so cool that we can take stuff to people and say this came from our garden', you know I was just glad they felt good about it. They'd have friends come over, and they would come over and they'd pick and they'd eat. And I have a friend's granddaughter who I was watching while I between jobs and she would be out here, like every day, like two or three years old, she'd be out there and she'd just be eating, you know, the beans and the peas. You know really getting that flavor of eating vegetables. To this day that kid still loves vegetables.

B-So it's impacted you nutritionally as well? It sounds like they learn how to eat healthy, especially in a fast food nation that we're in.

N-Yeah, we are really trying to impart that to them, and Claire who's a junior, they're learning all this stuff in health and science about what's in food and preservatives and all and all this kind of stuff. It's like, yeah, guess what? When you go out there and you plant something in this garden and it come out of there, you know what it is and they say that's cool, mom. That doesn't get them out there to work in it. My oldest daughter, Leah, she will. My husband will help with roto-tilling and digging. But they're at a different place now. But they're really into, "mom, we don't want you to get out there with your hurt knee". But they're really into clothes and stuff, so, whatever motivates them to get out there. I was thinking about doing just pots for my garden this year, but they are really like, no mom you got to get out there, it's so peaceful. I would like to...maybe, I don't know when you're gonna be done with this but if I actually get my garden done I would like you to come out here and see what it looks like.

M-Ummm, we've got about three weeks left in the term.

N-[laughs]We'll see.

M-But if it's in that three weeks we'd love to come see it and shoot it.

N-I have an herb garden on the side...

B-Nancy this is Joe.

J-Hi.

N-Hi! Come on in.

J- Nice to meet you.

N-Nice to meet you too. You want coffee or tea?

J-I'm OK, really, thank you very much.

N-So what we were talking about-Yes he's OK, he's not gonna kick you (her dog is a rescued animal with a history of being abused)-she just has some anxiety. So, I always have the herb garden. And then I always have quite a bit of vegetables and different varieties. We always have Kale, Tomatoes, and Cucumbers. And they're cheaper than the store and organic. Which, not everyone can afford organic. Umm, but, then I do have this little area, because there's so many rocks in my garden that I have this rock garden I made with affirmations for the teenagers and Izzy too, it's ok.

B-She's doing a lot better than when we first got here.

N-She's usually, after she realizes you're not going to do anything, she's alright. It's guys who have loud voices who move fast. She was owned by a guy who became homeless and so she also has food issues. (The rest of this is pet talk...a major tangent. I'm going to hold off on covering it. Roughly 11:45-15:06 of the 2nd interview file.)

B-Hey Nancy, I'm curious: Obviously UA and community gardens are truly important. I'd like to hear your feelings especially out here in the east side Lents district, it's often said that a lot of people here are misrepresented and food deserts, I'm curious on your thoughts on home gardening in a community that's kind of underserved.

N-Well, I think that's true. And I think that people still talk about this area in a derogatory way. There's pockets everywhere.

B-Right...

N-I know that they're really trying to gentrify and do different things, and, this wasn't through growing gardens, but there's a community garden at Lents...

B-Orchard, yeah I'm helping with them.

N-OK, Well I can't remember but they did some kind of event and they did a garden walk. And I went on that with both of my girls. It was amazing. Because there's a lot more, you would be surprised. And some of them were just so amazing, these gardens that are all right in this community. I know the school, when both of my kids went there, they didn't have a garden, they didn't have anything. Then they had this little tiny garden bed and then it got bigger and now the garden, if you go out that way (pointing towards the school) and go back, um, behind the school now they have an actual huge garden. They have raised beds, they have a little shed, and people in the community go there and I go there sometimes and I'll see things that kind of need to be um, cut back or whatever and I feel like, that's the least I can do. And we have a neighbor who's with Friends of Trees who also does the same thing, he's just catty corner over here. He has an amazing garden, he had bees for a while, the woman over there has a really nice garden. I think, um, I think it's unfortunate that it's not represented as well as it could be. I think having those kind of events. I think Lent would be open to that, just at Lent Park, where people can come together and share what they're doing with their gardens. It's a good idea. The farmers market is amazing. It's little. What's nice about the farmers market is you get to hear about all the different programs, farms, Zenger's farm, I might not be saying that. There's just a lot of places around here, that the more the word gets out. I just wish, I'm not sure why this area isn't taking off. There used to be a little thing on 92nd they had a Middle Eastern, not Middle Eastern a European Market down there. And they had a little coffee shop, next thing you know...there's another AMPM...Do we really need another AMPM? Do we really need another 7-11? I don't think so. But it would be nice to have more of those things in this community. There was this little shop. A little coffee shop, it's been a bunch of things. It was right on the corner of 92nd and I think Foster and it's right on the corner and they used to have, they made green smoothies and that kind of stuff that shows people you can do that stuff with herbs and you can then do that with stuff in your garden is all really good. I don't think they lasted very long. And that's the only thing, I don't know what the answer is because I don't have money, if I had money I'd probably invest in something. But it would be nice to see more of that stuff around here. I imagine there will be events this summer and I usually have clients that are technically Clackamas County some of them are right on the edge in Happy Valley.

Part 3 (Something was lost between 2 & 3 so I'm Treating this as a separate piece answering the last question in Video 2)

N-Support that kind of stuff as well. So yeah I think there are amazing gardens here, and people who are interested in making it...

B-A community.

N-You know, I'm not sure what the challenge is with that. I think more events. I know Lents really tries to have events.

B-Yeah we're in the process of uh, doing an orchard on 82nd and Flavel. It's a community orchard. DEQ already came in and did soil...

N-So tell me this tell me this!!! What is this?

B-It's uh, it's a community orchard, so it's not a garden, see community gardens traditionally you have your own plots. This is a community orchard where...you can go online, there's a bunch of information on that.

N-Is it called Lents Community Orchard?

B-It's under the umbrella Green Lents but it's Rose Communiity Development is helping them put it on. But it's part of Lents. So it's a plot of land out there, about a third of an acre...

N-Where is this?

B-It's on Walden Court, right on the cross of Flavel and 87th. Yeah they have goats there a few weeks ago, chomping all the blackberry bushes. We've had PSU students out there canvassing, trying to get the word out. So it's, they just went through the third phase and now they've got design. The whole idea is they want it to be a place where community can gather. It abuts the Springwater Trail and they're gonna grow and abundance of amounts of stuff and it's open to the community. You want to go get a zucchini or something and grab something for dinner, go right ahead and grab it. So they have a lot of plans, yeah. So they have some really cool things going on. I think that's really important, that's why I was trying to tie it back to your part with uh, uh, this area kinda being, you know, looked down upon, so to speak. And uh, you're right, the people get together and try to make things happen. Which brings me back to my next question: You mentioned you have some individuals who have some good gardens as well. So do you guys actually support each other as far as when you grow, pass on to your neighbors?

N-Oh all the time.

B-Oh awesome. Cool, so you're doing it from kind of a small scale, and that's...

N-The guy that's in the, not this house here, but right next to that house next to the yellow house...

B-I saw him out there working the garden, when we came up, yeah.

N-He's amazing, every year he goes out there and he's so helpful, he's a member of Friends of Trees. And um, he always has his garden and he has guys over to pick some blackberries and we exchange stuff back and forth and like with the plants that I have I'll say, what do you need, what don't you have? And he'll say, well I've got a lot of peppers. And I'll say, well I don't have that. And so we try to do that. He

does a really good job. I have a neighbor, also, all the way down and I was really jealous, cause I went to see her last week and she's got her garden planted. And it looks really good. And then she gave me a tomato plant. Um, so you know it's that...

B-You're getting an itch now to get out there.

N- [Laughs] I know I know. She also gave me, it's hilarious, she gave me these knee pads and said she was gonna use them but then she had knee surgery or something, and she didn't need em or whatever. And um, but they look like I'm gonna play hockey or something.

M-Painters kneepads, yeah.

N-They're huge! And she said, and you have no excuse not to get out in your garden. But I'm still trying to get the kids or at least my husband, if they could work the soil then I could get in there...I just usually do the whole thing myself. Plus I, you know, I work about 60 hours a week [B whistles] and it's a different kind of job because it's social work but it's also um, we're really encouraging the parents to get down on the ground with their kids eye to eye and do stuff with them. And I think gardening and doing stuff like that, you've got me thinking about how I can do that. Because then their kids can taste the...we do tastings and smelling and we do all these sensory things, what a great way to say 'you can go out in your garden' and let them, cause I always, say when you're cooking, and you know when you're chopping up, I have parents say 'well they're driving me nuts cause I'm trying to get...' pull the high chair over and cut stuff up and say how does that smell? Let em taste that it's ok, and if you have a garden even and herb garden you can take some of that stuff and teach them. My kids feel like, especially in the summer time that they know that a lot of stuff comes from the garden. And I'll dry them, I have an um...

J-Dehydrator?

N-Thank you [laughs] I couldn't remember the word. It's amazing what we can do with that too. So herbs. And at work most of my coworkers have gardens, umm, we happen to, I get really good rosemary so I bring in rosemary. Somebody else does better with dill and we just pass it along and I would like to see more of that in the community. I think people are kind of isolated and don't really know their neighbors, we've been here a long time so we know some, but I think community events are one way, and the farmers market is another way cause I really encourage people and I know people that are living on low income, they can't use their Oregon Trail, but they can use their WIC cards at the farmers market. And they get plants, I mean sometimes they sell them, but they also have people that have, like, local gardens and people are bringing their stuff and sharing it and I think that all kinda gets the word out there. I'd like to see more and I would definitely be involved if there were some events.

N-I definitely will check out the orchard.

B-Yeah cause you can get on their sign up list and they need people to help move that along. And it's all driven by the community.

N-Yeah.

B-And I think they'd love that so, absolutely.

N-OK, well that's awesome. And I think my oldest kid, she's 21, she's going back to college in the fall but she would probably, I'm not gonna speak for her because she is 21, but um, she jumps into those kind of things. That would probably be a good fit for her too.

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N-I thought about googling and seeing what they have in Clackamas County.

M-Have you thought about putting your own knowledge to use if you had that space to host uh, educational events with Growing Gardens?

N-I would absolutely do that, I'd have to speak to my program manager but she'd let me do that.

B-I know that Green Lents is looking for someone to host workshops and stuff like that.

N-I really think the families I work with would really like it, you know. I'm also trying to think of a way to pull my clients together in June. If I did a workshop it would be something where everyone could walk away with, you know one of those boxes from the garden place, just something that size [small] could be a garden and you could get herbs.

I will pick away at this more...but it really just breaks into a general conversation and the questions are done.