

# JACKSON'S GARDEN

LES "BING" AND BETTY JACKSON NOURISHED A DRY PATCH OF SAGEBRUSH LAND INTO A LUSH GARDEN WITH EVERGREEN TREES, VEGETABLE PATCHES AND FLOWERS. THE JACKSONS OPENED THEIR LABOR OF LOVE TO THE COMMUNITY, SHARING THE BEAUTY THEY CREATED WITH OTHERS.

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## HISTORY: THE JACKSONS

Thousands of tons of topsoil were brought to a stony, dry lot in the 1970s. The Jackson's began their own compost, which progressed the soil's health to the richness it has today. A community garden on Mill Creek gradually formed. Several years after Betty's death in 2002, Bing and the community revived the garden to its former Betty-beauty.

In 2009, Bing shed sole responsibility of upkeep and with the community formed Jackson's Community Garden. The public can rent rich soil space in the garden and attend community events, like apple cider pressing and summer concerts. The garden can be rented out for private events as well.

## COMMUNITY: LIFE'S RICHES

The Jacksons were known for their vibrant garden and community involvement. They taught at Sheridan High School and were coaches and mentors in the community. The

Jackson's mentality moves through the property today.

Montana's abundant wildlife and short growing season can make growing produce and flowers frustrating and expensive. Jackson's Community Garden provides the infrastructure that local gardeners need and can use - from the rich soil and irrigation system to the tall fences and large greenhouse.

The garden represents more than its fruitful bearings. Its members range in gardeners, educators, skills and talents. Each help provide and nourish a vibrant life in southwest Montana in their unique ways. The nature of Jackson's Garden has always been inclusive. Its essence revolves around the richness of life.

## EARTH: STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES

The nonprofit is an opportunity for the community to enjoy the beauty and health of nature.





Earth's value can be appreciated when connecting with its soil and plants. A connection is the basis of empathy, respect and love. A connection can lead to a relationship and bring joy.

The earth's elements will bring challenges but also bring growth, whether it is abstract or felt between your fingers.



Jackson's Garden Board's President, Paul Marsh, in the garden.  
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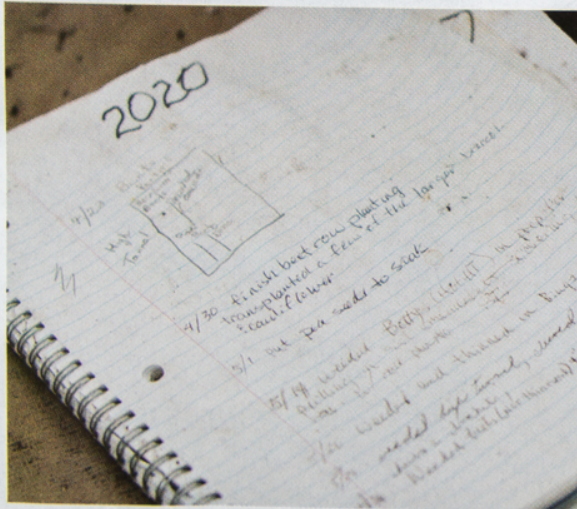


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