



## Volunteer at Home for the Shark Garden

### Did you know that you can volunteer from home to support the Shark Garden?

Not everyone is able to come and help out in the garden as a volunteer, but you can still help from home! We have several ideas on how you can use your skills, hobbies, and experience to help us out, from knitting to carpentry or baking. Since we have a couple of fundraising sales each year, one of the ways you can help is to make things for us to sell. Contact us to chat about your ideas!

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**Knitting Veggie Hats:** We like to make “veggie hats” for our fundraisers. They are simple knit beany hats with felt leaves added on top to make them look like vegetables or fruit. For example: tomatoes in reds with green felt leaves, eggplant purple with leaves, apple green or red with brown stem & green leaves, green or red bell peppers with stem & leaf, carrot with some kind of longer knit leaves, pumpkins with curly stem and stalk. Kids sizes and adults. We may be able to provide yard in some cases, depending on our available funding.

**Sewing Napkins, Aprons, or Place Mats:** We thought it would be cool if we could offer some kitchen linens for sale in our fundraisers. Style wise, we’d like modern and cheerful prints of: Veggies, Fruit, Berries, Leaves, Bees/honey combs, & Sharks. Check out some examples of our favorite artists for fabrics below! Contact us if you have ideas for items like this that you could make for our fundraisers.

Example Fabrics from Spoonflower.com that we like:

#### Artists:

Nina\_leth herons, florals, carrots, birds, animals

Kate Rhees (bright modern pop colors) pickled peppers, birds, florals, birds, bugs, snails, fruit, Scandanavian style

Fernlesliestudio French & art deco style: honey bees, florals, canned goods

Irishvikingdesigns: dense colorful English florals, bees, “dandy dandelions”, “rainbow farm”, “farmers market”, several gardening themed ones

Beth Norton some call me beth: gardening, berries, veggies, florals

Country Garden: berries, veggies, flowers

Aribombari: veggies collage

Nendo: silverware plaids

**Cooking:** Bake Sales: Each fall we have a big bake sale fundraiser at our fall open house. Community members and local chefs donate things for us to sell to raised money for garden programs. We may be able to provide ingredients for you to help us make things for our bake sale. Here’s some examples:

1. Making Soap with our Garden Herbs for fundraiser sales
2. Drying Herbs for Salt & Herb Mixes
3. Make Herbal Oils or Vinegars with Garden Herbs
4. Making Salves or Moisturizers with Garden Herbs
5. Make Jelly, Jam, or sauces with Garden Berries

**Garden Art & Ceramics:** Do you make garden art or ceramics? We sometimes have these items (with nature, garden, and food themes) in our fundraiser sales. Contact us to see if your art is a good fit for a donation to the sales. 😊 We're happy to advertise your business, if you have one, along with your donation.

**Jewelry:** Do you make nature or food themed jewelry that you might want to donate to our fundraising sales? We can help advertise your business along with your donation, if so!

**Painting:** Do you like to paint images of foods, produce, gardens, flowers, or local nature? We might be able to use your skills to create cards or small pieces of art to sell in our fundraising sales. Contact us to learn more.

**Woodworking:** We have a few ideas for woodworking projects in the garden. Contact us to learn more.

1. Build a frame for our other countertop and sink with pressure treated wood
2. Build outdoor garden benches (with our guidance on colors)
3. Build birdhouses (according to Cornell Labs recommendations)
4. Build a solar oven or dehydrator (we have plans!)
5. Carve a big ole log into a slug to sit on
6. Create directional signs to mount to a post in the garden
7. Wood sculptures of animals or vegetables
8. Other ideas?

**Metal working:** Do you do metalworking? We have some ideas of what you could make for us to use in the garden or sell in our fundraising sales. Contact us to discuss your ideas and to learn more.

1. Create metal garden art: we have some ideas!
2. Create metal hose hangers for our fundraiser sales
3. Create a metal wind sculpture for the garden
4. Create cool metal gates for our southern entrances
5. Create cool metal signage for the garden

**Masonry:** Do you like to work with stone or concrete? Here's some ideas we had on what we could use in the garden. Contact us to discuss you ideas!

1. Create concrete leaf stepping stones that we can use or sell
2. Create large whimsical concrete fruit or vegetable sculptures:
  - a. A head of garlic
  - b. A giant carrot that people can sit on like a bench
  - c. A big strawberry, pear, or apple
3. Create a sturdy outdoor chess board table top with tiles and design a way to mount it. 3x3 ft. max.