

I N F O R M E R

The Garden Project

Workshops

Free Seeds

Community Service

Container gardening is the new inner-city farming. Learn how you can be a container gardener. Save money. Eat healthy. Have fun.

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THE GARDEN GROWS

With the help of Penn State University and the Dauphin County Extension Office, OIC's courtyard is now home of a high tunnel greenhouse. A tunnel greenhouse is not like a regular greenhouse. A tunnel greenhouse is a quonset-shaped structure covered in plastic. Usually tunnel greenhouses are placed directly over the soil. Our tunnel greenhouse is built on top of our macadam courtyard. All our crops will be grown in containers. The tunnel greenhouse has no permanent heating and no electricity. Heat is controlled by rolling the plastic sides up and down.

Why a tunnel greenhouse? Both cost and portability are factors in choosing a tunnel greenhouse over a traditional greenhouse. Our

greenhouse will allow us to begin planting early in the season and to extend the growing season at the end year.



OIC will use the garden as a teaching tool and as a possible revenue source. OIC staff plan to offer container gardening classes to the public. Our students and families will learn how things are nurtured and grown. They will read, write and do math-related real-life activities using the tunnel greenhouse as a classroom. And, if we are lucky and can keep things growing, we will be able to sell any production crop at

our local farmer's market.

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If you want to know more about the **Tunnel Greenhouse Project** contact Bob Harden at 238-7318 or rharden@tricountyoic.org.

DIG IN AND LEND A HAND

You can help the OIC **Tunnel Greenhouse Project** keep growing by donating your time, talent, or resources. These are ways you can help:

- Donate seeds or starter plants (Especially vegetables and cut flowers.)
- Donate distressed plants (We'll bring them back to life.)
- Adopt-a-Box (Pay for the construction cost of a raised bed.)
- Donate planting materials (Soil, starter trays, watering cans, gardening gloves.)