

Community Garden group completes harvest, second planting at Bloomfield Library

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Group members, including Armonda Riggs, far left, Tien-Lu Huang, Jack Terrell, Martha Marmouze and Jess McKamey dig in to harvest spring produce and plant summer items.

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Volunteers held a successful harvest and summer planting Thursday evening for the Community Garden project at the Bloomfield Public Library.

“Our spring plants grew with gusto, and we have the same high hopes for our summer plants,” said Project Manager Katherine Jochim Pope.

Pope said of the spring planting in March, they left the carrots, beets and snow peas, which are still growing and harvested the remaining greens, donating 2.73 pounds of spinach to the community food pantry.



IU med student and future pediatrician, Tien-Lu Huang shows off his share of Thursday's harvest.

The group spent the rest of the evening planting tomatoes, bell peppers, eggplant, summer squash, beans, cucumbers, broccoli, cabbage, basil, marigolds, oregano and rosemary, with everything grown from seed by community partners.

The group is now holding a design contest for a 24" x 18" garden sign to be placed at the site.

Anyone can enter their design by submitting it via email to pdanner@gcdailyworld.com by May 31.

Entries will be judged by a committee made up of group members and the winner will receive a \$25 gift card.

Designs should be colorful and easy to read, with a relevant message. Some suggestions include:

- Welcome to our community garden at the Bloomfield Public Library!
- You are welcome to enjoy this garden and the fresh produce it provides.
- Please be respectful of this space. Others have worked hard to create it for all.
- Remember to harvest responsibly; take only what you need and leave plenty for others to enjoy!

The contest winner will be notified by email in June.

For more information, or to volunteer to get your hands dirty, contact Katherine Jochim Pope at kjpope@iu.edu or 812-360-1356.



The group donated 2.73 pounds of fresh spinach to the community food pantry.