

## Garden Share and Spring Blooms with Eastern Sierra Land Trust

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Logo and Photos Attached.

Eastern Sierra Land Trust is anticipating a blooming spring season this year with several upcoming events and projects. On April 21<sup>st</sup> they will host a free Garden Fest to celebrate the beginning of growing season in the Eastern Sierra. Enjoy an afternoon of activities at ESLT's Home Street garden fostering connection and growth among community members interested in local foods and gardening. You can plant a seed or bring your extras along to exchange with others, making everyone's garden more bountiful. Learn about the ways gardeners in the area are reaching out to the community, and hear about exciting improvements in the local food movement. Think "all things garden" as you enjoy an afternoon with ESLT, anticipating blooms and sprouts in the upcoming months. Seasonal snacks and refreshments will be provided.

In addition, ESLT is sponsoring the Garden Share project to connect hopeful gardeners to people who have available land for gardening. This program encourages productive land uses and minimizes the potential for land to go fallow. Another goal is to connect the local community through shared spaces, emphasizing the importance of local food to help sustain the economy.

The project will be facilitated by ESLT, whose staff members will match landowners with open garden space in Inyo and Mono Counties, to gardeners in need of space. This can be done by filling out an application found at [www.eslt.org](http://www.eslt.org) or in their office at 176 Home Street in Bishop. Applications can also be mailed at the request of willing participants. All applications are due by Monday, April 26 at which point matches will be made between hopeful gardeners and people with land available for gardening. This program supports local gardening on many levels by making affordable and delicious food more available to the community. Matching landowners with gardeners is the perfect solution for cultivating food production and community cohesiveness.

Be part of the effort to combine the love of growing fruits and vegetables in the Eastern Sierra! If interested, please contact Sarah Spano at 760-873-4554 or via email at [sarah@eslt.org](mailto:sarah@eslt.org). You can also contact ESLT by visiting their website at [www.eslt.org](http://www.eslt.org), or in person at 176 Home St., Bishop, CA 93514.

Photo Caption: Serena Dennis, Last year's AmeriCorps member at ESLT displaying last year's bounty.

Photo Caption: Children planting sunflowers in ESLT's garden last year.