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Get your Garden Growing
Celebrate Spring at Eastern Sierra Land Trust's annual GardenFest

GardenFest
 Thursday, April 24th
 3-6pm, 176 Home St. in Bishop

Kick off the growing season with Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT)! On Thursday, April 24th from 3-6PM, make your way to ESLT's garden for the annual "GardenFest." Attendees are invited to ask for advice from Master Gardeners, trade heirlooms in the seed swap, purchase plants from local nurseries and organizations, and much more. Plus, you can learn more about ESLT's latest launch – the Eastside Pollinator Garden Project—and sign up to certify your garden as pollinator-friendly habitat. This free event is open to the public and there will be plenty of fun activities for young green thumbs as they learn about gardening.

Don't miss the "Seeds of Knowledge Hour" from 4-5 PM, as community organizations, such as the Eastern Sierra Audubon Society and the Master Gardeners of Inyo & Mono Counties, give short, informational talks on birdfeeder placement, trees, growing tomatoes, and more.

Everyone is encouraged to bring extra seeds and trade with neighbors for new varieties in the seed swap. 4-H and the California Native Plants Society will have plants for sale to help get your garden going. The Bishop Community Garden will also have applications for individual plots for adoption.

Eastern Sierra Land Trust will host GardenFest at its office garden on 176 Home Street in Bishop. For more information, contact Ali, Education Coordinator and AmeriCorps member, at (760) 873-4554 or email alison@eslt.org.

ESLT works with willing landowners to preserve vital lands in the Eastern Sierra for their scenic, agricultural, natural, recreational, historical, and watershed values. ESLT's goal is to preserve a healthy balance of land uses that can be sustained forever, ensuring both a strong local economy and environment. For more information about ESLT's mission and preserved lands, visit our website at www.eslt.org.

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High resolution photo available upon request. Contact Alison at (760) 873-4554.

Sample low-resolution images are shown below.



Photo Caption 1: 4-H Club members sell various seedlings that they started in the FFA greenhouse. Proceeds from the sale benefit the program.



Photo Caption 2: Autumn Bahlman and Laura Beardsley were happy with their native plant purchases at GardenFest 2013.