

Garden club gives boost to Sequim High FFA



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Seeking to cultivate in youths more interest in farming, horticulture, plants, landscape design and conservation, the Sequim Prairie Garden Club recently donated \$1,000 to the Sequim High School FFA (formerly known as Future Farmers of America) program.

Club members recently toured the Sequim High agriculture program facility, viewing the school's greenhouse full of annuals and colorful hanging baskets that will decorate the City of Sequim's streets and later be sold to the public. They also got a look at the recently-installed Farmbot, a machine funded by a grant from Miracle-Gro for the development of a sustainable hydroponics system.

The collaboration between the Sequim agriculture program and garden club look to assist with various park projects in the future.

Except during the 2019 coronavirus shutdown, the Sequim Prairie Garden Club hosts monthly meetings the first Monday of the month, from September through June. Meetings include educational presentations from 10:30-11:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting. Members of the public are invited to the presentations.

The club manages the care of Pioneer Memorial Park, including the park's clubhouse and historical artifacts that include an 1893 log cabin and cemetery markers from the early 1900s. Expenses for park maintenance come from clubhouse rentals and various fundraisers.

To join Sequim Prairie Garden Club, volunteer with the club, donate to the park or more information, see www.SequimPrairieGardenClub.org, email to sequimprairiegardenclub@hotmail.com or call 360-808-3434.