

From the “That’s My Farmer!” Program: Kings Valley Gardens

Kings Valley Gardens is a 13-acre organic farm next to the Luckiamute River in Kings Valley, Oregon that abides by many permaculture principles. Osprey, green herons, white-tailed kites and many other birds grace the farm with their presence. Andrea Davis grows on about 1¼ acres, raising most of her family’s diet year-round—lots of canning and drying in the late summer and fall! She makes fruit spreads at a local commercial kitchen and sells them, along with her blueberries, at the Corvallis Saturday Farmers’ Market every week. John Madfen keeps bees, fixes things that break, maintains the buildings and works on alternative energy projects (efficiency and conservation, as well as production). Thanks to John, Kings Valley Gardens has almost completely solar-powered irrigation, solar and wood-heated hot water, and a lot of solar electricity. Kings Valley Gardens hosts many WOOFers each season (Willing Workers on Organic Farms). These volunteers work about 30 hours per week in exchange for room and board and the farm experience. The crew likes to take breaks for swimming and hackysack.



Andrea Davis