What a beautiful day it was to celebrate *Troy Garden and Land Day* on September 26. Over 80 people attended the event this year, some of whom had never been to Troy Gardens. Whether you were new to Troy Gardens or not, it was a great day to explore the land and enjoy the company of others.

Marilyn Sallee returned this year to teach a Pest and Diseases workshop. Several gardeners attended to learn how to combat the various plant problems they experienced this last summer with the strange fluctuations in weather.

After the workshop, the actual “work” began with cleaning and grinding the apples in the apple press. We almost didn’t have an apple press this year, but Jim Lindemann, owner of Gardens of Goodness, graciously loaned us one of his hand-cranked presses. The apple crop this year was smaller than past years, but we still managed to produce at least 10 gallons of delicious juice!

Gardeners brought potluck dishes to share and veggies from their gardens to make pizzas in the cob oven. Ginny Hughes, the Kids’ Garden Program Manager for Troy Gardens, led the pizza-making activity. For nearly three hours, there was an assembly line of kids and adults producing a varied and yummy stream of pizzas going in and out of the cob oven.

Volunteers and interns were on hand to show off our new Pollinator Habitat and the Troy Prairie, as well as the Troy Chickens in the Kids’ Garden.

Master Gardener Volunteer Percy Mather joined us again this year to answer gardening questions. Several Troy gardener volunteers donated their time to make this event happen. Thank you! Local businesses graciously donated door prizes for the event. We are grateful for their support of Troy Gardens.

**Thank You!**

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