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News at Shiloh Gardens

By Frieda Nash

There's exciting news this year coming out of the Shiloh Gardens. Every Saturday since the beginning of 2013 in the rain, cold, or even snow, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. the Shiloh Community has been a hub of activity.

The first project, led by Sarah Eubanks and Jessica Lytle with help from UNC Asheville, was to create a compost bin constructed out of salvaged oak pallets. A composting system is a way to take food waste such as coffee grounds, leftover vegetables and even grass clippings and leaves to make nutrient-rich soil without adding costly fertilizers and chemicals. It's a free and organic process, and a great way to create healthful garden soil, and it reduces the impact of waste in our

local landfill. Biltmore Coffee Traders even donated their used coffee grinds for the compost bins.

In addition to creating the compost system, Shiloh community volunteers have cleaned up the gardens, cleared brush, and replenished the soil for the raised gardening beds. Students from UNC Asheville and Warren Wilson, along with the Black Student Association, have braved the cold weather to clear logs and other debris to ready the beds for spring planting.

The Shiloh gardens allow community members to have access to fresh vegetables, ingredients for home-made breads, and a variety of other staples. Plans this season are to add an herb garden.



Shiloh Community Meetings

First Monday of Each Month

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| Line Dancing, Health Assessments, and Free Massage | 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. |
| Association Meeting | 6:30-8:00 p.m. |
| Senior Fellowship/ Lunch & Learn: Chronic Disease Self-Management | Wednesdays, Feb 6-March 13 (6 weeks) 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. |
| Exercise Classes | 2nd, 3rd, 4th Mondays – 6:00-7:00 p.m. Thursdays – 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. |

A-B Tech Receives Gift

From staff reports



Pictured are (Left to right) Jack Ferguson, Richard Hurley, Chair of A-B Tech Board of Trustees, Dr. Hank Dunn and Carolyn Ferguson.

A-B Tech Community College announced the receipt a \$5 million gift from longtime college supporters Jack and Carolyn Ferguson during the College's recent annual fundraising gala in Asheville.

Believed to be the largest private donation to the College, the funds will be a transformational gift according to President Hank Dunn. "After more than 50 successful years in Asheville, this will help propel the College into the next 50 years. The Fergusons' support has been invaluable," he said.

In 2000, the BASF donation of nearly 37 acres and three buildings to A-B Tech was the largest gift of property in history to any community college.

The gift is for the naming rights

to the College's new Allied Health and Workforce Development building being developed to provide 21st century facilities to train students for 21st century jobs.

Speaking to the Fergusons, Dunn said, "You have changed lives well into the future. You will help us be a better world-class school. You do so much for our students."

"What we do for young people is our hope for tomorrow," said Jack Ferguson.

The Fergusons also donated \$100,000 to establish four more endowed scholarships through College's foundation, in addition the Ferguson Family Trust Endowment they created in 2008.

"The building is important, but we need scholarships, too," said Carolyn Ferguson.



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