

EAST MOUNTAIN SEED AND GARDEN CO-OP

“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.” **Genesis 8:22**



Moriarty, NM -Photo by [Jensine Odom](#)

East Mountain Seed and Garden Co-op was started in 2015 in Edgewood, NM. The vision for the co-op was born out of the EMCC Helps ministry. Two of the members, Al Humble and Jim Findley, purchased some seed and recruited Duane, Anita and Chad Cogburn to start EMSGC. Together they started planning for the first workshop which was held on April 2, 2016. The co-op now has a leadership team of 12 members, over 100 members, and conducts several workshops each year in Edgewood. We are thankful to see what God has done over the last 10 years!

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UPCOMING MEETING

Sunday, Feb. 2 (3pm-5pm)

East Mountain Vineyard Church

1 Eunice Court, Edgewood

On the Agenda:

- **Seed Starting & Cold Frames**
- **New Memberships**
- **Seed Distribution**

Vision for 2025



EMSGC Leadership Committee

Since 2015 our coop has been growing nourishing food, preserving harvests, discussing responsible seed selection, seed saving and personal health. We look forward to even more in 2025!

- **Knowledge.** We aim to have meetings every 2-3 months, with engaging and timely topics covered for our members. Input from members on suggested topics is ALWAYS welcome!
- **Seed sharing.** As always, membership includes 20 high quality, open pollinated seed packets per year, per membership. This is enough to grow a garden for a family of four (4)!!
- **Community.** The Coop strives to provide an environment of cooperation, open discussion and learning, with a focus on relying on each others varied experiences to be successful.
- **Growth.** In 2025, we would love to grow our group! Please feel free to share our newsletter and website with your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors--the more the merrier!

Winter gardening tasks

The beginning of the year is the perfect time to start thinking about your gardening goals.



Some ideas for a good start for your 2025 gardening...

- **Review** last years garden - what worked well? Things to change?
- **Check** what you have in your seed inventory--trade with friends, neighbors, other co-op members.
- **Starting** seeds indoors? Inspect your seed starting equipment and materials.
- **Create** a garden plan. Think about previous years, and what your current goals are.
- **Plan** garden projects. Prioritize with your 2025 goals in mind.

Meet the Leadership Committee

John and Lori Bonner - members since 2023

Due to encouragement from 2 generations of Cogburns and Chuck Wilke, we joined to assist in prep for a failing economy. In my honest opinion we are far from out of the woods.

Barbara Brodmerkle - member since 2019

Barbara's two main interests are small livestock and seeds. She is certified as a teacher of saving seeds, and is experimenting with breeding adapted plant strains.

Duane and Anita Cogburn - members since 2015

Original members. Anita enjoys the friends made here and the lessons learned from them. She contributes by sharing gardening experiences and leading trainings on food preservation methods, plus many behind-the-scenes tasks. Duane is active in administration duties and presenting trainings on green houses, hoop houses, solar, and other gardening topics. Involvement in this coop is a very rewarding experience in many ways.

Chad Cogburn - member since 2015

I am one of the original members and am blessed to be part of the co-op the past 10 years. I enjoy learning from this great community. I host the poultry processing workshops, am the treasurer and help maintain the website.

Betty and Lee Griego - member since 2021

As a very naive gardener, Betty was eager to learn how to grow our own vegetables. Lee having cancer drove us to a better lifestyle. Having failed at gardening many times, we heard about the wonderful group of gardeners that were willing to invest their time to help us. We happily joined the co-op. It's been a real joy to fellowship and learn from each of them. Lee is my great builder of beds, hoop house and cold frame. He's a great support and sidekick!

Al Humble - member since 2015

I love GOD THE FATHER and HIS SON with all my heart. I love HIS people, and I'm longing for HIS soon return. The gardening and farming we do now will be so much easier and productive with even greater joy than it's ever been. We'll finally again be in harmony with the heavens and the earth and all who dwell in them. All for His honor and glory!

Nicole Johnson - member since 2024

I was so excited to join and start learning from other East Mountain gardeners! I help with the newsletter and website management. Feedback always welcome!

Glenn Snelgrove - member since 2017

I enjoy learning and sharing gardening and homesteading practices with our group.

Chuck Wilke - member since 2020

I live off-grid and have become very acquainted with the challenges and simplicity of gardening unplugged. I enjoy sharing my "lessons learned", as well as connecting with the like-minded East Mountain gardeners.

Helpful links for your garden planning activities...

Check your planting zone: [USDA Plant Hardiness Zones](#)
WHEN to plant: [Almanac Planting Calendar by Zipcode](#)
Seed Starting Mistakes: [The Prairie Homestead-Jill Winger](#)
Helpful Guide: [Seed to Transplant Times \(pdf\)](#)

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

- Fermentation and Juicing
- Seed saving and propagation
- Food preservation & storage



Have a great workshop idea?!

Tell us at a meeting or send an email to:

eastmountainseed@gmail.com

REMINDERS

- Water your trees and shrubs!
- Check the [almanac](#) to see when to start indoor seeds - some are as early as February!