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## Tucson monastery to host community garden

**Tucson, Ariz**. - The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration's Tucson, Ariz., monastery plans to host a portion of a new community garden soon.

"We were approached by Community Gardens of Tucson to use our land for this commendable project," Prioress Sister Ramona Varela, OSB said. "They are very impressed with the variety of fruit trees we have and our commitment to environmental stewardship."

Founded in 1995 by George Brookbank, Community Gardens of Tucson is a volunteer, not-for-profit group devoted to promoting health, knowledge, joyfulness and a sense of community by helping Tucson residents establish and maintain neighborhood vegetable and flower gardens.

Members include gardening experts, novices, homeowners and volunteer coordinators who work together to provide places where neighbors can grow flowers or vegetables on one piece of land divided into separate garden plots.

They currently host five gardens throughout the Tucson area

and also assist other organizations such as Community Food Bank with their own community gardens.

"These master gardeners have a wealth of knowledge, so we are truly blessed to partner with them," Sister Ramona said.

The Tucson community is part of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration who also have monasteries in Missouri and Wyoming. Learn more at www.BenedictineSisters.org.

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