

COMMUNITY OF GARDENS
TEACHER-PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

The *Community of Gardens* is a free, non-commercial digital archive and website created by the Smithsonian Gardens in connection with the Archives of American Gardens to preserve our diverse garden heritage. Gardens often go undocumented and are subsequently underrepresented in the historical record. Participation in this project will contribute to the preservation of American garden history and allow historians and the general public to gain insight into the role of gardens in everyday American life, at home and abroad. We enthusiastically encourage teachers to submit a class submission for this project, but to do so require parental consent for your child to participate. Information about the project is available at www.communityofgardens.org. If acceptable for your child to participate, please complete the form below and submit it to your teacher. If you have any questions about the project, please contact the Smithsonian Gardens at communityofgardens@si.edu or 202-633-5840.

Thank you,
The Community of Gardens Project Team
Smithsonian Gardens

I, _____ [insert parent or legal guardian name], am the parent or legal guardian of _____ [insert name of child], who is under the age of 18 years old. I hereby give permission to my child's teacher _____ [insert teacher's name] at _____ [insert school name] for the school year starting _____ and ending _____, to participate in the Smithsonian Gardens *Community of Gardens* website activity as part of a school based activity (CoG Activity). A complete description of how the CoG Activity works, including the information that it collects from users, is described in its CoG Submission Agreement (<http://communityofgardens.org/submission-agreement>), CoG FAQs (<http://communityofgardens.org/faq>), and Privacy Statement (<http://www.si.edu/Privacy>).

In exchange for the opportunity for my child to participate in a CoG Activity, I agree that my child may create and submit personal stories, photos, videos, interviews, audio files about gardens and gardening which may include my child's first name and last initial, as well as their likeness if captured in photographs, videos, and/or interviews (collectively content). I understand that my child's teacher will be submitting content on behalf of the class and my child, through my child's teacher's email address, and in accordance with the CoG Submission Agreement and CoG FAQs. I hereby grant to the teacher the right to use any content created by my child

and his/her first name and last initial and likeness for the CoG Activity; I further grant to the Smithsonian, and those authorized by the Smithsonian, my permission to disseminate, modify, and use the content, in whole or in part, in all media now known or later developed, for any educational, promotional, archival, or other standard museum purpose, without compensation to me or my child. This permission includes but is not limited to publication on the Community of Gardens website, other Smithsonian communication channels (websites, social media, print and online publications or newsletters), fundraising, educational programming, and exhibitions. I further give the public permission to use the content for personal, educational, or non-commercial uses in any media now known or later developed, without compensation to me or my child. I understand that I can revoke this consent for my child's participation in the CoG website activity at anytime by contacting my child's teacher; I understand that it is the teacher's responsibility to convey my request the Smithsonian.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Preferred Email address in case we need to reach you: _____

Date: ____/____/_____