

# Mahonia Gardens



**Region** Sisters, OR

**Farmer Since** 2011

**Methods** Uses organic practices and small scale intensive beds

**Products** Vegetables & herbs

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## About Mahonia Gardens

Benji Nagel & Carys Wilkins farm sits on  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre in Sisters, Oregon. Their vision is not for growing outward and expanding, as much for growing inward by using their space more efficiently, improving their growing skills and diversifying and incorporating more value-added products. They are always working to increase biodiversity and pollinator habitat by bringing in new perennials and flowers. Their work cohesion rides on Benji's ideas and Carys' actions. You can find them at farmers markets or join their community supported agriculture (CSA).

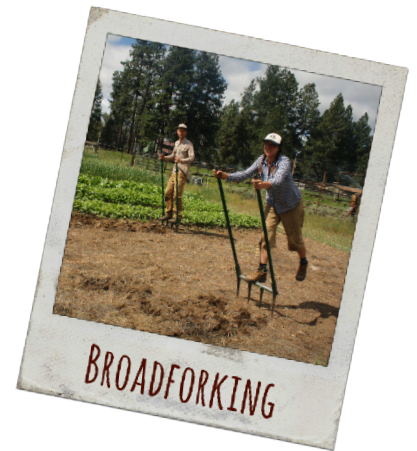
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### Why farm?

"We feel like pioneers. There is a sentiment in Central Oregon that people can't grow. But we like to use the influence of permaculture and looking into cultures with similar climates and what they are growing and implementing that here."

### Words of wisdom?

"Go for it! Start slow and move at a pace that's not stressful. Have patience and no expectations. The more time you put into it the more you get out of it."



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