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Abstract

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SURGE

[VERB] : to move suddenly or powerfully forward or upward

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In honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, we are pleased to recognize Hannah Grose '13 as this week's Fearless Friday for her work with the **Sherfy Farmstead Community Garden**, a historic spot located on the battlefields. Hannah has been a driving force in the project to produce Civil War era heirloom vegetables, herbs, and flowers in the garden, all in a low-impact and sustainable manner.



A recent Gettysburg College grad, Hannah began the Sherfy project as part of her Senior Seminar on American Food Policy and Environmentalism. She, along with two other classmates, **Kaitlynn Shawaryn '13** and **Vanessa Curran '13**, teamed up with Zach Bolitho from the **National Park Service** to get the project off the ground.

Since the initial start of the community garden, the project has thrived. For Hannah, “One of the most exciting things about the garden, to me, is the **teamwork** that has arisen from it. It’s a partnership between the National Park Service, the Gettysburg Foundation, and Gettysburg College’s Civil War Institute and Center for Public Service. I think it has a lot of **potential for good in the community** and is a pretty perfect storm of engaged, **inspiring people.**”



And they have definitely been making a difference. Not only is the Sherfy Community Garden meant to promote the education of **our country's rich history** and food sustainability, the produce that is harvested **benefits low-income individuals** in the area through **food redistribution centers** such as our own **Campus Kitchens** at Gettysburg College.

Hannah and the rest of the Sherfy Farmstead team are also in the process of expanding the project to other gardens on the battlefields. They already have a second community garden in the works at the **George Spangler farm**, which is currently opened for tours and live history demos. Hannah is thrilled about this because "it's a little more visible to the public than Sherfy is, and it has a lot of potential for education about the Civil War, sustainable gardening, and local food justice issues." In the future they want to add even more gardens to the program and hopefully begin to engage a younger audience to learn about the **importance of low-impact farming and sustainability**.

The Sherfy Farmstead Community Garden will be participating in this year's **GIV (Gettysburg Is Volunteering) Day** for the first time as a community partner, giving incoming first-year students the opportunity to really become a part of the project before they even begin classes.

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