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Sylvan Dale to serve up meals with fresh produce

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Guests who dine at Loveland's Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch this year will taste freshly picked vegetables their meals courtesy of a new community garden.

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"We have been talking about having something like this for some time," said Nancy Campbell, head gardener at Sylvan Dale for the past 12 years. "This year we said, 'We're doing it.'"

Campbell will lead a group of Sylvan Dale employees, as they plant and harvest produce from the 250-square-foot community garden.

"We have a team so far of nine people plus myself," Campbell said. "As our season progresses, seasonal employees can join in."

The "Tomlinson Patch" is named in honor of Hubbard and Leone Tomlinson, grandparents of Susan and David Jessup, owners of Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch.

Hubbard and Leone Tomlinson, nicknamed "The Duke" and "The Madam," lived at Sylvan Dale during the 1950s and 1960s and headed a large vegetable garden that provided fresh produce for the ranch kitchen.

"They had a wonderful vegetable garden," Susan Jessup said. "They brought that natural element to Sylvan Dale, that was their gift. ... We're doing this in honor of them."

The vegetable garden is located nearby where the ranch founders, Mayme "Tillie" and Maurice Jessup, used to live on top of the hill near an old green John Deere tractor, Campbell said.

The volunteer workers are doing square-foot gardening to grow the most produce possible from small spaces.

The ranch already has 9,000-square-feet of garden space, but this is the first area designated for produce.

Campbell said the volunteers also are excited to be a part of the project.

The garden will include turnips, green onions, radishes, carrots, calendula flowers, zucchini and squash.



Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch's Mark Wyscarver and Sue Bennett help prepare a new vegetable garden at the ranch. (Courtesy of Nancy Campbell)

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The kitchen team is looking forward to slicing nice, warm tomatoes, Campbell said. "I'm sure the guests will be able to notice a difference," Campbell said. "Nothing's better than fresh green onions, too."

The group of gardeners also will learn to grow and harvest produce using 100 percent natural gardening methods by using available on-ranch resources and incorporating composting and recycling.

"A lot of people in our modern society lose the connection of our food and where it comes from," Campbell said in a statement. "We're giving to the Ranch family ... The goal isn't for personal gain, other than learning and having fun. We'll go get dirty together."

Campbell is a graduate of Colorado State University with a degree in horticulture.

People who participate will be given several lessons from Campbell including: How to Garden in the West, Soil Management, Starting Your Own Transplants, Basic Harvesting, Pest Identification, and Fertilizer Application.

In addition, Campbell said this gives Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch employees an opportunity to get to know each other.

"You get to know your other coworkers a little better who may not work in the same department as you do," she said.

Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch is a year-round facility that hosts dude vacation guests and events throughout the summer.

The ranch is located along the banks of the Big Thompson River, 7 miles west of Loveland off U.S. Highway 34.



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