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Winter

Spring



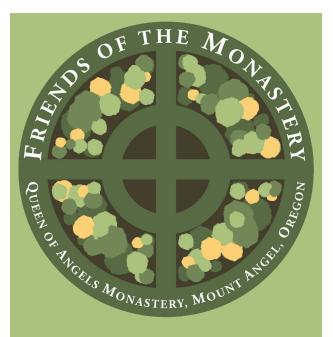


Summer

Fall

Catholic Community Services

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Preserving the Land & Legacy of the Benedictine Sisters

Catholic Community Services

### Who are Friends of the Monastery?

Catholic Community Services (CCS) has been entrusted with stewardship of Queen of Angels Monastery in Mount Angel, Oregon, the former home of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount Angel. In addition to sustaining the sisters' legacy of service through CCS Ministries at the Monastery, CCS is committed to preserving the monastery's stunning 30-acres of orchards, flower gardens, heritage trees and open spaces as a place of peace and tranquility for those we serve, and for the broader community.



CCS relies on the help of volunteers who join the Friends of the Monastery to accomplish a myriad of tasks such as tending the gardens, pruning the fruit trees and cultivating the grounds, allowing them to flourish at their full potential.

# The Grounds

Walking the pathways throughout the property reveals the Benedictine Sisters' great reverence and care for creation. Hundreds of majestic oaks, maples, cedars, pines, firs, dogwoods and other varieties of trees mark the change of seasons and inspire visitors from near and far. Other special features of the grounds include the towering Giant Sequoia - an Oregon Heritage Tree, the Stations of the Cross, Queen of Angels Cemetery, the orchard, Grotto of Mary, Trumpet Vines, St. Scholastica Garden and the labyrinth.

## The Seasonal Model

The goal of Friends of the Monastery is to ensure all special features of the monastery grounds are cared for year-round. The approach to the care of the grounds is based on a seasonal model. Each season, specific Friends are responsible for completing certain groundskeeping tasks, as an ongoing annual commitment. Examples of seasonal tasks include:

### Spring...

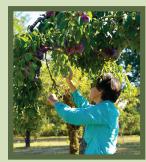
Pruning orchard trees & flowering shrubs Spraying all trees with spring oil Cleaning out garden beds

Planting annual color

#### Summer...

Resealing wooden mosaic & landscape features Harvesting berries Checking new plantings for dryness & water

# A Labor of Love



**Questions?** 

In addition to the pride of helping preserve a historic property, Friends of the Monastery receive newsletters, invitations to special CCS events, and a personalized CCS Friends of the Monastery lanyard.

# Fall...

Harvesting apples, pears & grapes Gathering/disposing of fallen foliage Planting bulbs

### Winter...

Repairing fences, benches, bird houses & other landscape fixtures

### **Steering Committee**

The Steering Committee is a group of master gardeners who have volunteered their extensive knowledge and expertise to helping coordinate the care of the monastery grounds. This group serves as an advisory board for the Friends of the Monastery, identifying tasks to be done to help preserve the monastery grounds as a place of life and abundance.

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