

The Daily Dig: Today at The Knoll

go/KnollHours

The garden has been almost entirely powered by volunteers and interns for 23 years, and we are grateful you are here. Stay tuned to this page for the latest, including daily weather-related updates given our fickle VT weather! Check back here each day by 7:30am for confirmation each day!

Here's our Fall 2025 Garden Volunteer Hours at the Knoll Schedule:

Schedule runs from Monday, 9/8 through Friday, 10/31

Tuesdays 9-11am

Fridays* 10am - noon for Harvest!

Fridays* 1:30 -2:30pm Reading Group ([learn more and signup here](#))

Fridays* 2:30-4:30pm

**We will not hold Garden Volunteer Hours on Fall Break (Friday, October 10) - but see below re: 10/10*

A few important safety reminders:

- Please note, **the Knoll is a nut-free environment**. Please no nuts or products containing nuts. Thank you!
- There is a severe risk of wildfires in our region; **campfires and any open flames at the Knoll (including cigarettes) are STRICTLY PROHIBITED** and subject to college disciplinary action.

Tuesday 10/21: This wet Monday weather WILL pass - we will be out in the garden prepping beds for garlic and shallot planting, clearing the season's growth, and more. Come touch grass, plant some bulbs for next year's harvest, for anyone who is around to savor them.

Friday 10/24: The weather looks reliably good for Friday - see you then!

A friendly reminder to make sure you've wrapped up your PE Credit Hours by our last day of the season, 10/31. Participants who are planning to receive credit will

And don't forget to pick up your 🌶️🌶️ peppers for the fourth annual hot sauce (friendly) competition 11/7!

Want to learn more about hosting events at the Knoll, or other ways to get involved? Come drop in to meet Changchang (Knoll events intern) and Megan during our Knoll Open Office Hour on **Mondays from 12:15 - 1:15pm** in the Franklin Environmental Center at Hillcrest Living Room. All are welcome!

You are also welcome to come join our Intern Weekly Planning meetings on Monday mornings from 8-9am in the Hillcrest Living Room. These meetings are principally where we plan our time as an intern team, but all are welcome to join as observers or to volunteer to support our collective work.

Check out our Annual Program Report and 1-pager for the 2024 season at:
www.go.middlebury.edu/knollreports

We're also eager for [feedback, suggestions](#), and ["testimonial"](#) as we embark on our fundraising efforts. If you have some language to share, we'd welcome that.

Here are some more links to stay up-to-date with all happenings at the Knoll:

- [go/knoll](#) → General Knoll website and background info
- [go/knollhours](#) → Information about volunteer hours, upcoming events
- [go/knollreports](#) → Link to Annual Program Reports
- [go/knollbook](#) → Link to free digital download of *Growing with The Knoll: 20 Years in the Garden*, an anthology edited by Aria Bowden '23 and published by New Perennials.
- [go/knollblog](#) → Our intern-run blog
- [go/knollgiving](#) → Link to JustGiving crowdfunding page (we are fundraising!)

Getting to the Knoll:

We will begin each session welcoming everyone and offering introductions to each other, our work for the day, and the space. Please aim for a timely arrival at the posted start.

When you arrive:

Please sign in on our attendance list at the Garden Shed.

All volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver before you participate. You will only need to complete this waiver once for the entire '25-26 academic year. We will furnish a paper copy in-person during your first session. If you are not yet 18 years of age, please email Megan a couple days in advance and we will coordinate written permission from your parent or guardian.

Weather in VT can be fickle! We may cancel hours due to weather (cold, wet, snow(!)). We will notify folks about cancellations via THIS DOCUMENT (www.go.middlebury.edu/knollhours).

Friendly reminders about the site:

- **Burn permits and Knoll permissions are required to use the campfire pit and pizza oven.**
- For more information about event hosting at the Knoll, please check out www.go.middlebury.edu/knollevents
- For those seeking PE Credit: you may come during our regular posted hours. In order to receive PE credit, you need to physically sign in on the (paper!) daily attendance sheet when you arrive, and attend at least eight hours of garden volunteer hours. Megan will tally up attendance at the end of the semester and submit our list to the folks in Athletics; there is no additional online registration/signup required. PE Credit hours must be completed all within one semester

If you have questions, feel free to direct questions to Megan Brakeley, associate director of the Knoll, at mbrakeley@middlebury.edu or any of the interns, and we look forward to welcoming you out soon.

For visitors and passers-by, please remember:

- **If you are sick, stay home ****
- If you are volunteering, please keep pets home; for passers-by, keep furry friends on leashes
- Burn Permits are required for the space. Read more at go/knollevents.

- Leave the harvesting to us in the main gardens - but please check out the Grazing Garden, where you are welcome to harvest on your own. Look out for signage that will point you in the right direction
- Pack out what you pack in
- Remember not to walk directly along Route 125 to access the Knoll; please see the map at the end of this document for the safe walking route along the Ridgeline townhouses.

Here's our Spring Garden Volunteer Hours Schedule ** thank you to the 60+ volunteers who came out and made it a wonderful season!

through Monday, March 31 through Monday, May 12*

Mondays 2:30-4:30pm

Wednesdays 2:30-4:30pm

Thursdays 2:30-4:30pm opening with a 5-minute student-led embodiment practice

Fridays 2-3pm Reading Group ([learn more and signup here](#))

Fridays 3-5pm

Knoll Friends: check them out @knollfriends on Instagram ❤️☀️

[Read more about the Knoll.](#)