

Barbara Hockabout

Co-owner of Lodestar Gardens in Apache County, AZ

(summary of education, accreditation, community organizing 2000-2026)

- **BA in English/History – UC Berkeley 1974**
- **California Teaching Credential – UC Berkeley 1975**
- **MA in English – Gonzaga University 1994**
- **Masters in Sustainable Communities from NAU in 2012** (thesis on file)
- **Earned a Permaculture Designer certificate from NAU in 2011**
- **Awarded an Arizona Association for Environmental Education (AAEE) certificate in 2012**
- Master Gardener of Coconino County 2012.
- **33-year public school teaching career**, retiring from my last position as full-time English faculty - Northland Pioneer Community College – 2000-2010. Hold lifetime teaching certificates for AZ community colleges and Washington State Secondary Education.
- Member of the Sustainable Economic Development Council of Coconino County 2010-2013.
- Organized the Small Direct Farmers (SDF) group at Northland Pioneer College 2010-2012
- Organized the NavaPache Post local growers group 2012-2014
- Organized a Soil Symposium at Northland Pioneer College featuring local soil experts 2013
- Board member Kerr-Cole Sustainable Living Center (501C3) Taylor, AZ since 2004.
- Started our **Lodestar Gardens Learning Center, LLC in 2012**. We sponsor/host/teach workshops, field trips, and classes with an art, ag & self-reliant living focus and curriculum.
- Sell chemical-free produce year-round to local markets and retailers in Navajo & Apache Counties since 2004.
- Host farm interns, WWOOF workers, farm managers, and volunteers since 2005.
- Attempted to obtain grants for a feasibility study for food collaborative effort with *Local Fare* (NAU Flagstaff) and a food cooperative in Apache & Navajo Counties—both proposals were denied. In response to those rejections, we turned to local networking.
- 2010-2017, organized three farmer's markets (in Snowflake, Concho, Apache County).
- In 2011, organized the **Lodestar Gardens Food Co-Op** which continues to grow food for five households year-round.
- Offer free consultations to anyone in our area who wishes to establish a local food cooperative or information about a permaculture and biodynamic strategies.
- Active member of the White Mountain Community Gardens in Navajo County and the Concho Community Garden Club in Apache County.
- Hosted winter farmers markets at our farm 2014-2018
- Write monthly articles primarily focused on agricultural issues for our local magazine (since 2014—list of publications attached)
- Publish a newsletter intended to offer gardening information, support local food producers, and network growers in our area (700 U.S. and 5 international active subscribers)
- Maintain a website: Lodestargardens.com (currently under re-construction)
- Created the **Homesteading Apprenticeship Program** (HAP) at Lodestar Gardens for 2027. See website for details.
- Member of the Dementor/ Biodynamic Association (2023-2026)
- Member of the International Labyrinth Society (2019-2026)

Clark Hockabout

Co-owner of Lodestar Gardens in Apache County, AZ

- AA Hotel/Restaurant Management – San Francisco City College - 1972
- Arizona Realtor 1996 - 2009
- Since purchasing our property in Apache County in 2000, self-trained in homesteading practices: **carpentry, electrical, engine repair, small animal husbandry, solar and wind energy, aquaponics, soil building, gardening, permaculture practices, marketing, and researcher/practitioner of alternative energy systems and holistic health.**
- Co-Organizer of all activities and events at Lodestar Gardens Learning Center and supporter in all LGLC community participation and outreach.
- Workshop presenter and tour guide for Lodestar Gardens