Introduction

The WSU teaching greenhouses are used for both teaching & Horticulture Club purposes. I worked on the spring crop, which is used for the Horticulture Club sales in both April and May. The plants involved are annuals in 4-packs, perennials in 4-packs, geraniums, hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, and other miscellaneous ornamentals. The crops that are grown are sold to both those in the Eastern Washington area, or those visiting for Mom’s weekend and graduation.

Job Responsibilities

1. Seeding plants into 288 plug trays and 401 trays.
2. Covering and misting seedlings when needed.
4. Filling seedling trays with right soil medium.
5. Keeping area tidy and clean.

Learning Experiences

1. I have learned how to communicate effectively in order to determine what job responsibilities needed to get done, and how they were to get done.
2. I have learned multiple techniques for seeding plants, and which trays are good for which type of the plant.
3. By working through the course of this internship I can better understand how production works in the greenhouse setting.
4. Working independently has given me the chance to take directions and finish tasks without having to be watched over by anyone else.
5. I have gained a better understanding of timing when to start plants so they will be ready by a particular season or sale.
6. Working in greenhouses first hand has given me advice and instruction in working for future wholesale nurseries in the future.