**The Magic Garden Shed**

EPISODE 1

EXT. – WYLIE FAMILY FARM – DAY

Panning around the Wylie Family Farm there is an amazing vegetable garden with every imaginable vegetable growing along with fruits, flowers, berry bushes, peach and apple trees and even eccentric plants like horseradish and cotton. There are fields as far as the eyes can see with waving wheat, corn, oats, hay and soybeans. At the far end of the fields are woods of giant trees and immense boulders left when the glaciers subsided after the last ice age. At the bottom of the forest is a wide murky creek. The barns and outbuildings have all the equipment necessary for a large-scale farming operation, tractors, a combine, hay wagons, plows, discs, bush hogs, balers, shakers and rakers. All the barns are red and the main barn has a silo ten stories high made of red brick that holds the silage used to feed the cows. The cows have their own barn with pastures and pens. The horses have a barn too, and the chickens have their own coop where they happily peck at grains and lay brown eggs every day. In the middle of the farm, in the middle of the vegetable garden sits …

EXT. – MAGIC GARDEN SHED – DAY

The Magic Garden Shed exterior is a miniature yellow clapboard house with white trim, colorful flower boxes under the windows and green shutters.

Standing outside the Magic Garden Shed is the host of the show, CYNTHIA WYLIE. The door of the shed only reaches her waist. She motions for the viewers to join her as she bends down, opens the door and scooches inside where it magically turns into …

INT. MAGIC GARDEN SHED – DAY

The inside of the garden shed is a wonder of mint green walls with white trim, and two windows on the back wall. One window has a life size image of Mr. Banyan outside and in the other, the Golden Sun is peeking through (both characters from Bloomers Island). Glass orbs hand from the ceiling along with twinkling garden lights. A large jar has twinkling fireflies inside. The floor is covered with green tiles.

There are twelve main areas of the Magic Garden Shed:

1. **Countertop** – for potting, planting, starting seeds, transplanting plants and doing experiments. Includes different bags of soil, pebbles, sand, and various bags and bottles of fertilizer. Jars of water with plants growing in them. Includes a countertop composter, various trowels and watering cans.
2. **Plant Shelf** – grow lights above a tall colorful shelf holding pots of every stripe and polka dot, propagating experiments of plants in various stages of growth.
3. **Educational Area** - chalkboard with diagrams of parts of the plant and tree, parts of the seed, etc. and an easel for charts and infographics. Various books on a small shelf. Includes a rocking chair for reading books and a stand with a reading lamp. Sitting on a little chair are the four Bloomer garden characters: BIG RED, PETE MOSS, ROSEY POSEY and VIOLET.
4. **Garden Beds** – one large bed, waist high and two to three smaller beds – all growing various vegetables and fruits. Some pole beans grow up a pole. Tomato trees steady large cherry tomato plants. One garden bed is full of sunflowers.
5. **Tool Area** – a wooden rack hangs on the back wall loaded with every manner of shovel, hoe, pitchfork, rake, clippers and an axe.
6. **Potted Tree Area** – a couple large potted trees. And a fake Mr. Banyan Tree complete with the Tree House School up in the tree and a ladder to get up there.
7. **Herb Garden** – a shelf under one of the windows holds a row of pots with herbs. Sensory opportunity.
8. **Craft + Art Area** – a table with paints, brushes and containers of different craft materials for art activities.
9. **Composter** – a large floor composter to practice the art of making compost with a thermometer, buckets of various compost ingredients like wet leaves, twigs, soil, vegetables scraps, etc.
10. **Vegetable Area** – baskets and bowls of various vegetables for identifying as well as examples of what part of the plant we are eating. Mushrooms and other funghi.
11. **Garden Friend + Foe Area** – butterflies and chrysalis, worm bin, ladybugs, moths, snails, slugs, etc.
12. **Seed Area** – bins of all types of seeds organized in various ways. Vegetables, fruits, deciduous trees and coniferous trees, and ferns.

INT. MAGIC GARDEN SHED

Our host, CYNTHIA WYLIE walks in through the back door into the garden shed. She is tall and slender, blonde and dressed in a gingham shirt, jeans and wellies. She takes her gardening apron off a door peg and puts it over her head. Ties it in the back. The apron has several pockets in the front that are filled with different hand tools. She then moves over to the …

INT. POTTING TABLE AREA

Standing behind the countertop and facing the audience.

CYNTHIA WYLIE

Hi! My name is Cynthia Wylie. I am a children’s book author, and a guest speaker at schools all around the world. I grew up on a farm, growing my own food and I want to share some of that knowledge with you so you can do the same thing.

(Holding up a little seed)

Welcome to the Magic Garden Shed. Why is it magical? Because growing a seed into a big tree, a beautiful flower or yummy food is pretty magical when you think about it.

INT. EDUCATIONAL AREA

CYNTHIA WYLIE

(Pointing to blackboard with drawing of plants parts and tree parts)

Today, we’re going to talk about the Wonderful World of Plants and Trees and how we humans could not live without them!

(Closeup Photo of Bloomers Island and Bloomers)

Before we start though, I’m going to tell you about a far-away island somewhere in the South Pacific Ocean, where natural things came to life. Flowers, plants and trees learned to move in order to find what they needed: more water, richer soil and brighter sunlight. They learned to talk and read. They learned to make friends and tell stories. These curious creatures became known as Bloomers and their home is called Bloomers Island.

I now want to introduce you to four of my favorite garden friends:

(Close up of four Bloomers plushies)

This is Big Red, Rosey Posey, Pete Moss and Violet. And we’ll learn more about them a little later.

No boy or girl or human being has ever seen Bloomers Island. How do I know about it, you might ask? Because I made friends with a tree and he told me as I was sitting quietly in his shade.

(Footage of the tree in the farm’s front yard)

What!? You didn’t know that trees can talk. Well they are living things. And what people don’t realize is that they do talk … they just do it in a different way!

Trees talk to other trees through their roots. They can whistle in the wind. They can whisper to the fireflies. If you pay attention, on moonlit nights, you can hear them.

On Bloomers Island, when the Bloomers turn three (that’s three in plant years which is older than human years), you have to go away to school to learn how to grow your own food.

Because I have spent many, many, moonlit nights at the base of the tree in my front yard, I have learned everything one needs to know about the Bloomers and Bloomers Island and how to grow my own food! I am very excited to share with you some secrets about our natural world, about the magic of growing plants and trees, garden friends and foes and how you can grow your own food!

INT. GARDEN BED AREA

CYNTHIA WYLIE

Yes, it’s true. You can grow your own food. Well, you can’t grow tacos and hamburgers but you can grow beans and rice and lettuce and avocados that make guacamole to put inside of your tacos, and the French fries and ketchup that sit next to and on your hamburger. Yep. You can grow that. French fries are made from potatoes and ketchup is made from tomatoes.

So let’s dig right in…

INT. POTTED TREE AREA – DAY

Move over to area with a potted tree and a plant in a clear jar.

CYNTHIA WYLIE

(Hold up the plant showing the roots, stem, and leaves)

Parts of a plant! Leaves. Stem and Roots.

(Pointing)

Here is the trunk. The branches. Twigs and Leaves. And the roots are under the soil.

Here’s why we need plants and trees to live: They provide all the food we eat and all the oxygen we breathe.

INT. EDUCATIONAL AREA

CYNTHIA WYLIE

(Show photo of tree growing a cow)

I know, I know, I can hear a kid out there saying: Does meet grow on trees? (I had a kid ask me that once). The answer is no!

(Show photo of cow eating grass and chicken eating grains)

But the animals we get our meat from like cows and chickens … they eat plants and grasses and grains! Okay! Now that we’ve established that.

And as far as the air we breathe – we’ll talk about that in a future episode when we learn about the sun.

(Holding up chart infographic about what trees do)

1. providing oxygen that we need to breathe. If you don’t think so, try holding your breath for a couple minutes. NO DO NOT hold your breath.
2. improving air quality, no one, especially your lungs wants to breath dirty air.
3. climate amelioration, SHADE! Do you notice how much cooler it is in the shade?
4. conserving water,
5. preserving soil, and
6. supporting wildlife. During the process of photosynthesis, trees take in carbon dioxide and produce the oxygen we breathe.
7. Provide timber that we use to make homes and furniture and we burn to stay warm.
8. Paper towels, toilet paper and writing paper. (Definitely IMPORTANT!) Envelope that your grandma sends you money in! Wrapping paper presents– any kind of paper!!!
9. Different kinds of food like walnuts and almonds. CHOCOLATE, Coffee (important to me maybe not to you). How about this one? Maple Syrup. Oranges. Lemons, apples, coconuts,
10. Christmas Tree if you celebrate Christmas.

So let me get this straight? Without trees I couldn’t breathe. I wouldn’t have furniture in my home. I wouldn’t have toilet paper. And…. I wouldn’t have orange juice, pancake syrup or chocolate?!!

INT. SEED AREA

Cynthia runs over to the seed area, rifling through the seed cabinet, looking for something. Turns to the camera.

CYNTHIA WYLIE

What? You want to know what I’m looking for? I’m looking for an acorn so I can plant a tree!!!!

INT. CRAFT + ART AREA

The episode concludes with Cynthia doing several crafts and activities:

1. collecting acorns and pine cones
2. Collecting leaves and ironing between two pieces of wax paper
3. BARK activity
4. Painting trees
5. Decorate trees on paper