

## Eckernförder Zeitung

### First Place for the "World Garden"

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Enjoy the award of the World Garden as the most beautiful garden in the colony Pupke (from left): Klaus Schnack (project manager), world gardener Manfred Mohr, allotment garden manager Hermann Brütt, Alexandra Kahlstorff and Sönke Jensen and world gardener Bernhard Jakstadt

The most beautiful garden in the colony Pupke is the project "Weltgarten". Only at the beginning of 2017, he prevailed in the circle competition of the allotments in the overall result, so that he was for the evaluation commission in the lead. The corresponding certificate was recently presented to the two "world gardeners" Manfred Mohr and Bernhard Jakstadt. The two part-time employees maintain the 1,600-square-meter project garden, which is used exclusively by refugees, on behalf of the Umwelt-Technik-Soziales (UTS), which manages the project, and with the support of the Job Center. "Five different families from Egypt, Syria and Afghanistan are active in the garden," explains project leader Klaus Schnack. This is lived integration in the allotment garden colony, so UTS managing director Lutz Oetker. A garden offers refugees the opportunity to leave social isolation and socialize. "For there is always talk about the garden fence," says Hermann Brütt, chairman of the allotment garden association. Prerequisite: The refugees have to speak German. Shared accommodation, a lawn, a barbecue and a cultivated area are available to the new citizens. Forerunners of the "World Garden" are the social gardens, which exist since 2007 in the colony of Costa Nora. Long-term unemployed manage the area on 4000 square meters. The products go to Eckernförder schools. "A good way to get long-term unemployed people out of the loneliness and to integrate them back into a working day," says Lutz Oetker. also knows Hermann Brütt, chairman of the allotment garden association. Prerequisite: The refugees have to speak German. Shared accommodation, a lawn, a barbecue and a cultivated area are available to the new citizens. Forerunners of the "World Garden" are the social gardens, which exist since 2007 in the colony of Costa Nora.

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At the county level, a Eckernförder garden also prevailed. The garden of Walter Sperling in the colony evening peace won the first place. The allotment gardeners are changing. After twelve years, Hermann Brütt (75) resigned his office at the annual general meeting on Friday, March 23, (7 pm in the Stadthalle restaurant). As his successor, he will propose his deputy Alexandra Kahlstorff.