



Manhattan Community Gardens

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Anyone interested in adding to the Manhattan Community Garden's newsletter may submit their articles to jeannesquires@yahoo.com at any time. Articles will appear in the next scheduled newsletter after submission.

President's Corner:

'The Garden Police'- I've enjoyed being involved with the MCG Board these last 3 years. I have been involved on the Newsletter/Education committee and now, this year, as President. I have been impressed by the involvement and dedication of volunteer board members that serve in various capacities. All board jobs are important but one of them seems to get a lot of 'flack', few compliments, but it's one of the most important tasks for the board to deal with- the Chair of the Rules committee or as sometimes called 'the Garden Police' (or worse). The brave souls that serve in this capacity have the responsibility of looking over the gardens on a frequent basis- noting situations that may be violations of our rules. Their responsibility is to send a notice to the gardener of anything that they note is out of line. If you accumulate several of these notices you may lose your garden plot. But, many times notice of someone not tending their plot may be a situation where someone has moved, had a family emergency, or a personal illness or crisis. In this case, weeds quickly overtake the garden- making a problem for gardeners around them and creating a situation where the weeds must be removed by someone. Doing battle with 5 ft tall weeds in the middle of summer is not something that I relish doing but I've done it on a few occasions. I also 'inherited' a real mess several years ago when I started gardening at the MCG and took over a plot that had been neglected for several years at least. When I see these situations, I appreciate the rules chairman doing his/her job to prevent more overgrown plots from developing. If you do happen to get a notice from the rules chairman, consider that he/she is only doing their job- trying to get more information about why a particular situation is developing. Respond in a prompt manner and don't be embarrassed if some personal situation has prevented you from tending to your garden. Those situations happen to everyone and there are others that are willing and able to help you out. That's why we call it a Community Garden.

Dates to Remember:

Spring Classes at the UFM (1221 Thurston St.):

Perennial Flowers & Grasses

Place: UFM Fireplace Room

Date: 04/17/2010, Saturday

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, 1 Session

Fee: \$12.00



UFM Classes Cont.....

Successful Container Gardening

Place: UFM Fireplace Room
Date: 04/17/2010, Saturday
Time: 10:00 AM to 12 N, 1 Session
Fee: \$12.00

Let's Make Hypertufa!

Place: UFM Solar Addition
Date: 05/08/2010, Saturday
Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, 1 Session
Fee: \$30.00

Plant Swap:

The UFM is sponsoring a plant swap again this year. Bring outdoor or indoor plants, seeds, vines and bulbs that you want to trade for something different. The variety is only limited by what others bring to trade.
Date: *May 8, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.* in the *UFM Solar Addition 1221 Thurston*. There is no charge for this activity.

2010 Scheduled Work Days (all Saturdays):

Work day lists and maps will be posted inside of equipment shed on the bulletin board for easy reference.

Saturday, May 1:

Leroy Brooks	Al Shmaderer	Gina Collins
Monte Johnson	Wilma Shuman	Sheryl Cornell
Leila Maurmann	Max Urick	Lawrence Davis
Jackie McDonald	Libby Uthoff	Chris & Christine Feit
Melissa & David McKee	Liz Workman	Carl Hill
Yuyang Miao	Matt Brueseke	Belinda Hunter

Saturday, June 5:

Sylvia Beeman	Ana Franklin	Raymond Mutava
Amber Burton	Corri Frigon	Jack Rader
Anita Carroll	Jennifer Guilford	Dorith Rotenberg
Shouyuan Chen	Yuyang Miao	Wilma Shuman
Yantao Zhang	Liz Workman	

Saturday, July 10:

Elena Boyko	Leila Maurmann	Ron Robinson
Amber Burton	Livia Olsen	Sang Yu Yi
Corri Frigon	Michael Rhodes	Yantao Zhang

Saturday, August 7:

Amelia & Jeremy Boyle	Roger Landis	Al Schmaderer
Chris & Christine Feit	Misha Riley	
Jill Gamble	Ron Robinson	

Saturday, September 11

Nan Ambrosy	Brad DeBey	Karen Hawes
Amelia & Jeremy Boyle	Annette Finkeldei	Roger Landis
William Bunyan	Jill Gamble	Jacqi Seaton

Saturday, October 2:

Matt Brueseke	Darla Dreher	Kimberly Smith
William Bunyan	Don Herde	Jerry Vestweber
Sheryl Cornell	Monika Munce	
Greg & Sharon Davis	Misha Riley	

Saturday, November 13 (Annual Fall Meeting & Clean Up):

Sylvia Beeman	Habib Diop	Jerry Vestweber
Deanna Brandsberg	Jennifer Guilford	
Lawrence Davis	Don Herde	

2010 Socials (Exact date, time and theme not yet decided):

Saturday, May 8, 2010 12:00 Noon Manhattan Community Gardens

Joyce Todd	Utsab Chaudhuri	Dean Zollman
Sandra LaBianco	Livia Olsen	Ellen Bailey
Donalyn Rhodes	Cybil Perkins	
Jenny Chang	Chang-hua Zhang	

Co-Hosts: Lynda Bachelor, Jean Squires Lake

June, 2010 (date, time, theme to be announced):

Ron Etter	Sandra LaBianco	Teresa Minton
Monte Johnson	J. David Mattox	

Host: Dick Green

July, 2010 (date, time, theme to be announced):

Shouyuan Chen	Ron Etter	Teresa Minton
Darla Dreher	Melissa Winter-Means	Joyce Todd

Host: Jean Squires Lake

August, 2010 (date, time, theme to be announced):

Elena Boyko	Larisa Chilton	Michael Rhodes
Deanna Brandsberg	Ana Franklin	

Co Hosts: Lynda Bachelor, Dale Stearns

September, 2010 (date, time, theme to be announced):

Lynda Bachelor	Karen Hawes	Dorith Rotenberg
Ben & Alicia Brooks-Torrice	Cybil Perkins	Kimberly Smith

Host: Jacqi Seaton

There is no social planned for October, 2010.

Saturday, November 13 (Annual Fall Meeting & Clean Up):

Each attendee brings an ingredient for soup.

Co Hosts: Susan Oviatt and Jean Squires Lake

Featured Recipe:

Radish Dip

Ingredients:

- 4 cloves garlic, peeled
- 6 radishes, quartered
- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened

Directions:

Place garlic in the container of a food processor, and pulse until finely minced. Add radishes, and mince. Add cream cheese, and mix until well blended. Transfer to a serving dish, and chill until serving. For low-fat version sub one block neufchatel and one block fat-free cream cheese.

Seasonal Garden Idea:

These April gardening ideas (by hardiness zone) were borrowed from:

<http://backyardgardener.com/article/zoneapr01.html>

Zone 5

- Set out cool-season annuals
- Sow seeds of warm-season annuals
- Set out summer-flowering bulbs
- Plant fall-blooming bulbs
- Plant balled-and-burlapped, container, and bare-root fruit trees
- Apply dormant spray to fruit trees before buds swell
- Spray apples, peaches, and pears that have been affected with canker problems
- Plant cool- and warm-season lawns
- Plant bare-root perennial vegetables
- Plant seedlings of cool-weather vegetables
- Sow fast-growing warm-season vegetables
- Sow seeds for frost-tolerant perennials
- Sow seeds for tender perennials
- Plant container and bare-root roses
- Uncover roses for spring and apply dormant spray
- Plant balled-and-burlapped, container, and bare-root trees, shrubs, and vines
- Apply dormant spray to trees, shrubs, and vines
- Plant summer-blooming shrubs and vines
- Plant frost-tolerant trees
- Plant needle-leafed evergreens

Zone 6

- Set out cool-season annuals
- Set out seedlings of warm-season annuals
- Set out summer-flowering bulbs
- Plant fall-blooming bulbs
- Divide and replant crowded winter- and spring-blooming bulbs after leaves yellow
- Plant balled-and-burlapped, container, and bare-root fruit trees
- Spray apples, peaches, and pears that have been affected with canker problems
- Plant permanent ground covers
- Plant and aerate lawns and loosen thatch
- Plant bare-root perennial vegetables
- Plant seedlings of cool-weather vegetables
- Sow fast-growing warm-season vegetables
- Sow seeds for frost-tolerant perennials
- Sow seeds for tender perennials
- Divide and replant spring-blooming perennials after bloom
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Featured Plant:

Peas:

History: The earliest archaeological finds of peas come from Neolithic Syria, Turkey and Jordan. In Egypt, early finds date from *ca.* 4800–4400 BC in the Nile delta area, and from *ca.* 3800–3600 BC in Upper Egypt. The pea was also present in Georgia in the 5th millennium BC. Farther east, the finds are younger. Peas were present in Afghanistan *ca.* 2000 BC, in Harappa, Pakistan, and in northwest India in 2250–1750 BC. In the second half of the 2nd millennium BC this pulse crop appears in the Gangetic basin and southern India.

Growing: The seeds may be planted as soon as the soil temperature reaches 10 °C (50 °F), with the plants growing best at temperatures of 13 to 18 °C (55 to 64 °F). They do not thrive in the summer heat of warmer temperate and lowland tropical climates but do grow well in cooler high altitude tropical areas. Many cultivars reach maturity about 60 days after planting. Generally, peas are to be grown outdoors during the winter, not in greenhouses. Peas grow best in slightly acidic, well-drained soils.

Culinary uses: Fresh peas are often eaten boiled and flavored with butter and/or spearmint as a side dish vegetable. Many people do not know that peas are actually in the starch category such as corn and potatoes. Salt and pepper are also commonly added to peas when served. Fresh peas are also used in pot pies, salads and casseroles. Pod peas (particularly sweet cultivars called **mange tout** and *sugar peas*, or the flatter "snow peas") are used in stir-fried dishes, particularly those in American Chinese cuisine. Pea pods do not keep well once picked, and if not used quickly are best preserved by drying, canning or freezing within a few hours of harvest. Peas will keep for weeks in a paper towel/plastic bag in the refrigerator.

Board News: **BOARD NEWS**

Equipment Maintenance: A new rear tine mower is being purchased to replace the current one which has offered great service but is no longer working.

Grounds Maintenance and Tilling: There are still a few leaking hydrants. The board is in the process of getting these repaired. Tilling by the MCG Tilling Committee has been completed for this season. The shed is scheduled to be painted this spring by student volunteers. Mowing of garden public areas has begun. We appreciate all of those who have signed up for and are completing this activity. If you notice that a public area in your section of the garden is looking exceptionally shaggy, please notify a board member.

Flower Bed Maintenance: No report at this time.

Rules and Safety: The garden plots are all looking good at this time.

Compost and Mulch: The wood chip supply has been replenished and that hay and straw from last year will need to be used up before new is acquired.

Education and Newsletter: Chuck will provide email news weekly on Fridays again this season.

Records: Thank you to those people who have shown up for workdays. This year we are recording attendance at workdays, etc...If gardeners know of someone who wishes to participate in our community gardens have them contact the UFM and be put on a waiting list. Garden plots quite often become open throughout the growing season.

Garden Socials & Crop Walk: The first social is scheduled to be held in May.

Important Information:

- 1) All plots are currently reserved. To get on a waiting list for future plot openings please contact the UFM.
- 2) In 2010 participation in the workdays, tilling committee, lawn mowing, Garden Show and socials will be recorded. Any gardener who does not participate in the activities that they have signed up for runs the risk of not being able to re-sign for garden plots in 2011. Happy Gardening!! See you in the gardens.

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(Please do not call MCG Board Members after 9:00 p.m.)

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