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THE NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS HAVING FUN IN THE DIRT!

COUNTDOWN TO PLANTING!

We're closing in on June 10th - historically the earliest day in our area where the fear of an overnight frost capable of killing young plants has passed.

Try to curb your enthusiasm by amending your soil, adding compost, and removing any weeds that may have begun sprouting BEFORE you add your tender plants.



WELCOME NEW GARDENERS

We have a number of new gardeners for the 2021 season. They are:

JoAnn & Jim Bertagnoli #2A

Laurie & Rob Bauer #2B

Rudy Fuys #24

Jim & Mary Schuerman #28

Kristin Beischel #30

Ed May #37

Mike & Alyssa Ullrich #46A

Keith Kost #46B

Lorrie Frautschi #49A

Heidi Eldred #49B

Truedy Falvey #55

Welcome, everyone, and best wishes for a bumper crop!



CHAMBER AFTER 5 MAY 19TH

GROW! Community Garden will be partnering with the MW Airport to sponsor the Chamber After 5 event on Wednesday, May 19th from 5-7pm. The public is welcome.

This is a great opportunity to show off the garden and Uncle Jack's Shack, our fabulous new shed.

Snacks and beverages will be served. We'll be offering one or two short garden tours throughout the event. Who would like to be a "garden ambassador" to give a short tour and answer questions?

Please let Karen know if you can help (at mwgarden18@gmail.com). Come out and support the garden and the airport!



WHAT IS THAT STRANGE TOOL IN THE SHED???

Our beautiful shed is nearly complete and we already have a new tool for soil aeration that many of you may not be familiar with. It's called a **broadfork**. This is a short description of it's virtues:

- Properly aerated soil allows rain to seep deeper into the ground without puddling or compacting soil.
- Broadfork aeration is less damaging to soil composition than mechanical means or double-digging.
- With roomier space for root growth, crops will absorb more nutrients for a bigger yield.
- Root crops are more easily harvested in aerated soil.



... WE THINK YOU'RE GOING TO "DIG IT!"

It's very easy to use. For more information on how to use the broadfork, please follow this link, <https://www.easydigging.com/broadforks/articles/why-do-soil-aeration.html>



TRELLISES

We have already received requests for garden trellises for the upcoming season.

We will again offer custom-made trellises for sale as a fund-raiser, giving you the opportunity to support the garden and to save precious space in your bed by growing vertically.

To reserve yours, please email Karen at mwgarden18@gmail.com OR tell any Steering Committee member you see at the garden. This is the only time trellises will be offered this season, so get one while you can.

We hope to have a message board available at the shed soon, providing another way we'll be able to communicate with each other.

REMINDER: The trellis can be affixed to the side walls anywhere in the bed, however, take into account that if you will be growing a dense vine on the trellis, it will create shade. Depending on the orientation of the bed this may or may not be an issue. Scott shares that he put his at the north end of his plot to avoid shading the rest of his bed, but left enough for one row of something that doesn't mind shade - like lettuce.

Trellises should be placed at least 20" from the end of the bed so the plants don't spill into the walkway.

Once again, Scott Smith has graciously agreed to build these trellises, so a big THANK YOU shout-out goes to Scott!



ORDERS NOW BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 14th – All Sales Final

Materials will be ordered on June 15th (lumber, cattle panels, fasteners).

Construction will be completed very shortly thereafter.

You will be contacted for where you want it positioned.

**\$50
INSTALLED**

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR ORDER TO:

Karen at mwgarden18@gmail.com

Payment must be received
prior to installation.



ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO BENEFIT THE GARDEN

GARDEN WORKSHOP - Offered by the DISCOVERY CENTER

Extend Your Growing Season & Micro-Greens

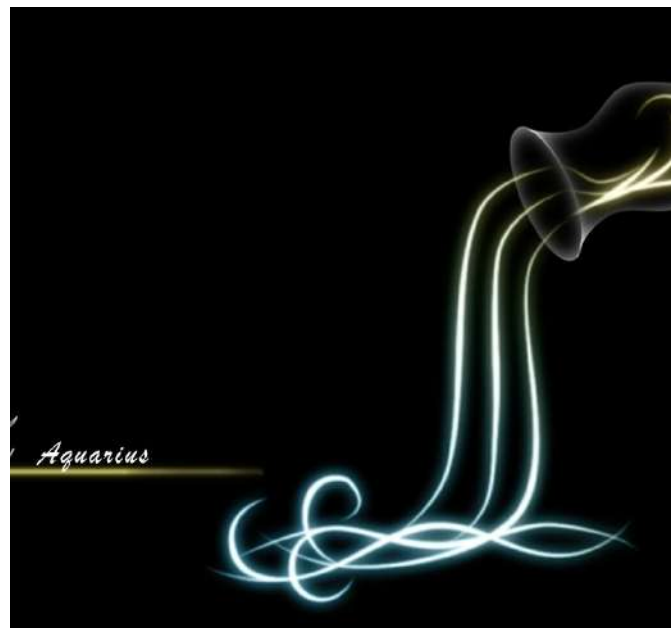
Monday, May 10th from 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Would you like fresh micro-greens, spinach, lettuce, or herbs in February or well into November? What seems impossible becomes reality with the use of passive solar growing spaces, cold frames, low and high tunnels. Participants will get a hands-on lesson on how to grow nutrient-rich micro-greens. Containers, soil, and seeds will be provided. This workshop will provide resources, stories, and examples of season-extending options from local Garden Educator, Adriane Morabito. Register with the Discovery Center.

Registration required by May 9th. \$10 (\$7 Discovery Center members).



ALL YOU 5TH DIMENSION FANS WILL APPRECIATE THIS ...



Click on the picture above to listen and "get your 1969 groove on!" (SKIP the pop-up ad).

Peas don't like too much water.

Potatoes do not like tomatoes.
Potatoes don't like cucumbers.

Potatoes and cabbage are friends.

Beans don't like onions or beets.

Beans and cucumbers don't like each other.

Beans love carrots.

Beets love onion, cabbage & potatoes.

Tomatoes love carrots & peas.

Cabbage does not like radishes.

Carrots and onions get along.

help
young
plants
share
the love