

The Garden's Edge

Official Newsletter of Grow And Share

Fighting Hunger from The Ground Up™



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THANK YOU

THANK YOU FOR GROWING AND SHARING! If you Pledged To Share in 2011, we hope you will continue for 2012. Whether you grew a Spring/Summer garden, a Fall garden, or are year-round gardening, your efforts are making a difference in your communities! Together, we can feed our neighborhoods, our towns, and eventually the US!

Grow And Share: Fighting Hunger from the Ground Up™

SEED DONATIONS

Have any tired, poor, huddled masses of seed or packets lying around? We can use them! Send us the seed you don't need, and we'll grow plants to give away. Heirloom, great. Hybrid, fine. No GMO seed.

In addition to seeds used to grow plants — cukes, melons, tomatoes, peppers, etc. — we can also use seed for greens, beans, peas, corn, and root vegetables. These “straight into the ground” seeds are passed along to gardeners including those in neighborhood gardens, community gardens, or schools.

Grow And Share 2012



**Giveaway
& Festival**

**Saturday,
April 14, 2012
Noon to 4:45pm**



**Norris Creek Outdoor Entertainment Complex
751 Old Halifax Road, Louisburg, NC 27549**

No Gate Charge!

Free Parking!

**DETAILS OF THE 2012 GIVEAWAY & FESTIVAL
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GIVEAWAY & FESTIVAL 2012

Saturday, April 14, 2012
Noon to 4:45pm

**@ Norris Creek Outdoor
 Entertainment Complex
 751 Old Halifax Road
 Louisburg NC**

Support this special fundraiser, a day of music, celebration, gardening education, and giveaway of garden starts! Admission and parking are free, and a large crowd is expected at this Third Grow And Share music festival.

This all-day event features live music, great food, farm education stations, gardener help booths, free garden plants, and family fun. We will celebrate Springtime and help local residents set their 2012 fresh foods strategy on April 14th!

Garden Plant Giveaway

Garden plants are given away to gardeners who sign our Pledge To Share their harvest. Seedlings include tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, melons, and much more.

This music festival is a fundraiser for Grow And Share, a non-profit fighting hunger through widespread gardening, produce sharing, and community building. Your contribution helps Grow And Share with its mission and gives your business, cause, or goods visibility to a focused audience.

We need volunteers to assist with parking, welcome booth, and general direction and information during the event. Volunteers are also needed in the Garden Plant Giveaway area, as well as near the stage to assist musicians and performers.

Entertainment

Live music for tapping your feet or dancing in the grass. Local musicians

keep things going all day with live sets, plus between sets we'll have dance, martial arts, & more!

**Noon-ish:
 Opening Announcements**

**12:30-1:30pm:
 Steph Stewart & the Boyfriends**

**2:00-3:00pm:
 Old Avenue**

**3:30-4:30pm:
 Jo Gore & The Alternative**

Sponsorships

Gain visibility for your business. Become a full-fledged sponsor of the festival. Logos and/or names of event supporters & sponsors appear in advertisements & flyers distributed throughout Eastern NC and the Triangle! Names with or without logos may be posted to the web or used for press releases.

Platinum Sponsor
 \$500 Premium logo placement, name & contact information

Gold Sponsor
 \$250 Small logo placement

Silver Sponsor
 \$100 Business name

Vendors

Set up a booth to sell your products or services. Vendor booths available for \$25, with priority given to booths that fit with Grow And Share's mission. Vendors may set up to sell a variety of wares for attendees' shopping pleasure.

Plus, gardening experts, farmers, and local organizations are invited to come and hand out information to help with gardening questions, nutrition, exercise, and local hunger issues.

Non-food vendor spaces are a standard 6' x 8' space. Larger spaces available. Space provided, and you set up your tent and equipment as desired. Limited number available. Groups may reserve blocks of space.

REGISTRATION

Mail to 70 Harrison Street, Zebulon NC 27597 with donation check.

Vendor Platinum Sponsor

Gold Sponsor Silver Sponsor

Contact Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

One Space 10-Space Group

Please describe any information that will be distributed, or any good that will be sold from your space:

Contact

Grow And Share
1.919.269.5414
info@growandshare.org

HANDS-IN-THE-DIRT FREE GARDENING CLASSES

Class topics cover beginning gardener topics and some special topics — helping us educate gardeners stepping up to feed their neighbors. Some advanced topics are taught to expand knowledge with tips and special interest items.

Grow And Share gardening education classes are free, and include handouts and time in-the-dirt planting items for you to take home with you. The listed classes are being held at:

Grow And Share Greenhouse
70 Harrison Street
Zebulon NC 27597

Contact Kay Whatley at
kay@growandshare.org to register.
Class is free. Donations to Grow And Share are optional, appreciated.

Ed. Note: *Educational materials from 2011 classes are available upon request. Email if you'd like a PDF of class handouts for any of our classes already held.*

Spring 2012 Classes

Classes resume with Beginning Planting and specific classes by expert and master gardeners.

Saturday, February 11 @ 9:30am
Composting / Raised Beds

Saturday, March 17 @ 9:30am
Herbs

Sunday, April 1 @ 1:00pm
Presentation by Master Gardener

Saturday, May 5th @ 10:00am
Beginning Gardening

WE NEED YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Grow And Share is here to expand gardening by US residents, throughout NC and across the US. Whether you use our plants or your own, you can grow food and share it in your community.

All of our work happens through the efforts of volunteers. We need volunteers to help us prepare for this new year of gardening. Can you give us a few hours?

Greenhouse Clean-up Feb. 18-19, 10am-1pm

We are already prepping for Spring with seed sorting! And, we're going to clean and organize the greenhouse on this weekend in February. We welcome all volunteers! We'll start around 10am in the cool morning and should be done in about 2-3 hours. Depending on the number of volunteers, we would like to clean previously-used pots for re-use this year. Anyone available to help?

The Zebulon "Tucker" greenhouse will be used to grow Spring plants, starting early in 2012. We gave away around 17,000 Spring/Fall plants, lots of seed (thanks to donors like Hartford Greenhouses, individual donors, and Food Lion LLC), and in 2012 hope to give away even more and increase the number of local gardens significantly.



Miscellaneous Volunteer Opportunities

- Help us grow spinach in bulk for local distribution
- Help start a crop of early peas and care for it inside the greenhouse (early March)
- Teach specific topics in our free Hands-In-The-Dirt classes
- Call local landscaping companies to gather scrap timbers and bricks (used)
- Pitch in on our "pilot" project. We are going to build Neighborhood Gardens (some raised beds) in the Zebulon NC area as a "pilot" project on feeding its residents. We need residents to dedicate spaces (and their time) for gardens, and volunteers to move timbers/bricks/soil to build them this winter, and help planting in March.
- Help at our music festival, combined this year with a large garden plant giveaway.

