

The Garden's Edge



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THANK YOU

Thank you to all gardeners who Pledged To Share in 2011. Whether you grew a Spring/Summer garden, a Fall garden, attended our Spring gardening classes, or are in our year-round gardening classes, your efforts are making a difference in your communities! Together, we can feed our towns, and eventually the US!

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR
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VOLUNTEER

We welcome any volunteers who would like to do the following tasks.

Greenhouse Clean-up (October 8th, 10am)

We are already prepping for Spring with seed sorting! And, we're going to clean and organize the greenhouse on October 8th (Saturday). We welcome all volunteers! We'll start around 10am in the cool morning and should be done in about 2 hours. Depending on the number of

volunteers, we may also clean the pots for re-use. 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 this year, lots of seed (thanks to donors like Hartford Greenhouses, individual donors, and Food Lion LLC), and next year plan to do that and more.

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 (first part of year)
- - teach specific topics in our free Hands-In-The-Dirt classes
- - call local stores to request seed donations
- - call local landscaping companies to gather scrap timbers and bricks (used works!)
- - 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.

RTI INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT WORKING

As reported in July, Grow And Share recently received a corporate contribution from RTI International of Research Triangle Park NC. This RTI 2011 Community Partnerships Program contribution has been providing funding for Grow And Share's gardening programs in Fall 2011.

A portion of the funding has been used to provide plants and supplies to grow food throughout the Triangle and Eastern NC. It is also providing for a greenhouse upgrade, extending food-growth potential.

In the coming months, Grow And Share will be building gardens in the local area, including a "pilot" project starting new gardens in Zebulon. If you'd like to participate in building these new gardens, or you'd like to discuss using part of your yard for a garden, please contact Kay Whatley as soon as possible. We want to get these gardens built over the winter so they are ready for early Spring planting.

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YOUNGSVILLE HARVEST NEEDED

Many of your neighbors and local food banks would appreciate sharing your harvest with you. One of the food banks with a particular need is Faith Baptist Church. The church gives food to needy. Their food pantry is open to the public one Thursday a month for the Fall. Seniors (age 62 & above) may pick up food from 4-6pm and all others may pick up from 6-7pm. The next dates are:

- October 20
- November 17

If you are near Youngsville, please take your harvest to share on these dates, before 11am, to Faith Baptist Church, 249 Holden Rd, Youngsville NC. Details on their website at:

www.faithnc.org/foodpantry

Serving 300+ families a month means there is often great need in Youngsville.

In addition to fresh vegetables, items needed year round are: peanut butter, rice & pasta, boxed dinners (hamburger helper, tuna helper, etc.), canned vegetables, or instant potatoes.

CROP HUNGER WALK IN RALEIGH

Shared by Maggie Castor

October 30, 2011 you can walk to end hunger in Raleigh's CROP Hunger Walk 2011. Details and a US map showing the Raleigh and many other hunger walks are found at www.churchworldservice.org.



EVENT: COUTURE FOR A CAUSE 2011

Friday, October 21st
 8:00-10:30pm
 Doors open 7:30PM
 Pre-event dinner 6:30-7:30PM (limited seating available)
 Tickets \$20-\$50.

Held at Marbles Kids Museum/IMAX Theatre in downtown Raleigh

Learn more on the website activategood.org and click the COUTURE For a Cause button.



Formerly ME³, Activate Good is pairing nonprofits with fashion designers for this annual fashion show benefit! The designer paired with Grow And Share this year is Aubri Rowe, a Charlotte-based fashion designer, who will create outfits that embody the mission and "spirit" of our nonprofit work.

This prestigious event includes entertainment, the fashion show and contest, a cash bar, silent and live auctions, and complimentary hors d'œuvre.

Couture for a Cause benefits Activate Good and its programs, which work to make volunteering easy, fulfilling, and accessible for everybody. Every individual has tremendous potential to make a positive impact on the world around them. Many people want to volunteer but don't know how to get started. Activate Good helps connect

volunteers with the causes that need them the most — including Grow And Share.

Note: Grow And Share is glad to be a participating nonprofit for the third year in a row! Below are the fashions Photographs provided by ME³ and are property of Florio Photography.



2010 Garment #2 with Wearable Shovel



2010 Designer Keely Cansler & Model Tempestt Head In Garment #1

SOIL HELPERS

Throughout 2011, we've received soil donations. These allowed us to plant seed in the greenhouse, provide soil to a second greenhouse (generously grown in a Wendell greenhouse by Annette Dorman) Some of the soil goes directly to school gardens.

North Carolina Mulch / Strickland Trucking in Middlesex has supported Grow ANd Share through soil donations in 2009 and 2010. They also provided a load for our Fall plantings, as this was our first year for Fall Garden Plant Giveaways.

Nature's GREEN-RELEAF™ provided a large amount of soil for the Franklinton Elementary School garden, exactly when we needed it.

Bill Fletcher of BBM Products provided early Spring soil for the greenhouses. He delivered a large truckload of aged soil-manure mix which was used for planting and transplanting. We really appreciate his donation.

We also received specialized seed starter soil from Ohio-based Hartford Greenhouses. They have been great donors, including providing the Grow And Share delivery van.

Thank you to these companies for helping Grow And Share provide seedlings and soil to NC residents.

As Grow And Share moves across the US, we hope to find partners like these to help as we grow our list of greenhouses and private growers in each mainland state.

DUNN PAL GARDEN

From Kareen Teasley of the DunnPAL Sharing Garden

“Thank you very much for helping us out with our first raised beds. The kids were very excited when they saw the first tomatoes on the vines. This has been an great experience for the kids. These are the pictures from the garden.”



PHOTO FROM DUNNPAL

HANDS-IN-THE-DIRT FREE GARDENING CLASSES

October 2011 Classes

Classes resume with Fall Planting and Fall.

Planting the Fall Garden

- What to plant
- When to plant it
- How to help protect it
- When to harvest it

Fall Gardening class dates:

Sunday, October 9, 2011

1pm to 2:30pm
Grow And Share Greenhouse
70 Harrison Street
Zebulon NC 27597

Sunday, October 30, 2011

1pm to 2:30pm
Clayton Community Center
715 Amelia Church Road
Clayton NC 27520
In Clayton, since the gardening class is happening the day before Halloween, it will include time sharing refreshments — tasty treats both good-for-you and candy!

Contact Kay Whatley at
kay@growandshare.org to register.

Class is free. Donations to Grow And Share are optional, appreciated.

Both classes are instructed by Connie Schultz of Kenly NC. Here is some information on the instructor:

Connie is a native Californian who moved here with her husband in 2008. They have five children and three grandchildren. She is a Master Composter and holds an Advanced Master Gardener certificate in Sustainable Gardening. She volunteers with Johnston County Cooperative Extension and the NC Community Garden Partners (nccommunitygarden.ncsu.edu/cgpartners.html) and Toxic Free NC (www.toxicfreenc.org/). She is an accomplished grant writer, researcher, educator, and garden consultant who's always been committed to being organic. She says of her work, "I'm convinced that in today's economy, it's important for everyone to know how to raise a few vegetables and keep a few chickens, just like our grandparents or great-grandparents did." It's also important to get off the couch and out into the fresh air with the kids.

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

2012 Classes

Classes will be held each month at the Zebulon greenhouse, starting on MLK Day 2012. Topics will cover beginning gardener topics for the first part of each month — helping us reach more new gardeners stepping up to feed their neighbors. Advanced topics are included in each class to expand knowledge with tips and special interest items like beekeeping, soil management, sustainability, and nutrition.

- Seeds, Planting & Watering
- Creating Newspaper Pots
- Seedlings & Transplanting
- Designing Your Garden
- Water Conservation and Rain Barrels
- Organic Gardening
- Feeding Plants (Composting, Soil Testing, and Soil Additives)
- Garden Planning and Meals to Come
- Not All Seeds Are Alike (Heirlooms, Hybrids, and Saved)
- Herbs and Greens for Early Harvest
- Companion Plants to Help Your Seedlings
- Beneficial Bugs and Garden Pests
- Bees, Please!
- Trees and Bushes Grow Food Too

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.

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