

The Garden's Edge



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THANK YOU

Thank you very much to the following for their support:

Annette Dorman and Robert and Rennell Knott, for growing plants to share in their greenhouses.

Mount Zion United Methodist Church, Simple Gifts Community Garden, The Knotts, Pilot Baptist Church, and New Hope Baptist Church for hosting our Garden Plant Giveaways.

Sharing gardeners who came for plants and signed our Pledge To Share.

The gardeners who offered donations during the giveaways and Mount Zion UMC for their "love gift".

MudcatsRadio.com kicked off its first season with Grow And Share as their Cause of the Season. Grow And Share is mentioned during Mudcats game broadcasts on WDWG 98.5FM and WDOX 570AM.

Rallypoint Sport Grill for providing transplant containers prior to the giveaways.

Inside919 for their special support for our Pepsi Refresh Everything contest entry (see next article). Your votes, marketing assistance, and video support are appreciated.

YOUR VOTES APPRECIATED

Well, our project didn't reach the critical vote count for funding. Thank you to everyone who helped us attempt to bring this project to "fruition" by voting for our project in Pepsi's Refresh Everything contest.

The Applesed Concept™ is still in our long term project plan. This is Grow And Share's project to create a long-term food supply, one US state at a time, by planting fruit trees and berry bushes—a la Johnny Applesed!

You may view the "promo" video that we made to encourage folks to vote. It is on YouTube at this link:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vYf1ORAaHQ

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Make a difference! Volunteer help we need right now includes:

- Assisting with our September fundraiser, the Grow And Share Music Festival 2010
- Organizing a fundraiser for us with your colleagues or neighbors; anything from a car wash to a sports tournament to a veggies contest!

- Donating funds to Grow And Share to ensure supplies and costs are covered
- Arranging for Grow And Share to present, on food, health, community, and gardening, to your local group

If any of these tasks spark your interest, sound like fun, or both, please call for more details.

MAY GIVEAWAY

Grow And Share is holding one more Garden Plant Giveaways in May 2010. Despite the fact we transported and gave away thousands of plants already, the greenhouse has about 800 or so plants remaining. This

includes several types of peppers, which are slow growers, so we've given few away so far. Additionally, Annette Dorman's greenhouse has several hundred tomatoes and peppers. The date in May is not yet set, but the giveaway will likely be a Saturday in late May, and will be held in Wendell, NC.

For more details, or to be added to our email notification list, contact us at info@growandshare.org.

PLANTING REVISITED

Last month, Claire Moylan provided a great article on planting and planting schedules. That is available in Issue Three of our newsletter. For this month, we're revisiting a part of Claire's schedule. Note the tables for April and May with **bold notations** for items that may be planted in May.

APRIL

| <i>Plant Name</i> | <i>Seed/Plant (S/P)</i> | <i>Timing</i> | <i>Stagger</i> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Cantaloupes | P | Spring only: April 20th to June 1st. | One sowing only. |
| Corn | S | Spring only: April 15th to June 1st. | Sow multiples every two to four weeks. |
| Cucumbers | P/S | Spring: April 20th to May 15th. Fall: August 1 to August 15 th . | Best to sow many at one time each season and let vines produce. |
| Hot Peppers | S | Start indoors in April for transplanting in May. | Plant multiple varieties for a fun garden. |
| Pumpkins | S | April 15th to June 15th. | One sowing only. |
| Summer Squash | S/P | Spring: April 15th to May 15th. Fall: August 1 st – August 15 th . | High producer. Can stagger every two weeks. |
| Swiss Chard | S | March 15th to May 1st | Stagger every two weeks within sowing season. |
| Tomatoes | P | April 20th to July 15th. | Multiple sowings at one time in the season is sufficient to bring in lots of tomatoes. |
| Watermelons | S | April 15th to June 1st. | Multiple sowings at one time. |

MAY

| <i>Plant Name</i> | <i>Seed/Plant (S/P)</i> | <i>Timing</i> | <i>Stagger</i> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| Beans | S | May 1st to July 1st, depending on variety of bean. | Stagger different varieties for fun. |
| Bell Peppers | P | Late Spring: May 1st to May 31st | Plants can be planted every week from May 1 st to May 31 st to stagger planting. |
| Eggplant | P | May 1st to May 31st. | Sow multiples at one time in season. |
| Hot Peppers | P | Plants you started earlier can be transplanted now. | Stagger or plant all at once. |
| Okra | S | May 1st to May 31st. | Okra will grow tall and produce very late in the season. Don't plant too late. |
| Peas (Southern types only) | S | May 1st to July 1st. | Only southern types will tolerate the summer heat here planted this late. |
| Sweet Potatoes | P | May 15th to June 15th. | No information on staggering. |

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APRIL 17TH PLANT GIVEAWAY IN GARNER

Photos by Mount Zion UMC

On Saturday, April 17th, Grow And Share held giveaways in Garner, Knightdale, and Apex. The morning Garden Plant Giveaway was hosted by Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Garner. Lisa Blauvelt organized the event, helping us set up with a group of church members. Before the giveaway even officially began, a nice-sized crowd was walking among the plants, looking for foods they would like to grow.

Several photos from the Garner Garden Plant Giveaway are shown at the bottom of this page.

APRIL 25TH RALEIGH GIVEAWAY

Photos by Grow And Share Volunteers

As the end of April approached, we held our fifth giveaway at New Hope Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC.



The crowd at New Hope surpassed anything we had seen at our giveaways before. The crowd came early and built quickly.



For the first time, we completely ran out of plants at a giveaway! In the process, over 100 gardeners signed our Pledge To Share!

Documentary filmmaker Suzin Daly came for the event and filmed our setup and the beginnings of the rush. She then followed a team from New Hope Baptist Church to the apartments next door, where they used some of our plants to build a community garden.



MOUNT ZION UMC GARDEN PLANT GIVEAWAY 2010

RABBIT PROOF

Shared by Claire Moylan

Claire's 2010 garden is shown in the photos below. Her veggies are surrounded by a rabbit barrier because of the family of bunnies that live in her front yard.

Claire believes that the rabbits were very pleased with the "salad lady"



CLAIRE'S RABBIT BARRIER

last year that let them eat their fill of lettuce and the like; however, this year she gave them a surprise!

Smiling, Claire says, "I'm hoping they'll find my neighbors yards tastier this year. Ha, ha."

APRIL 17TH GIVEAWAY AT SIMPLE GIFTS IN APEX

By Fred Dignazio

The Simple Gifts Community Garden in Apex held its spring GROW festival on Saturday, April 17th, to celebrate Earth Day. Noah Minafo, a 13-year-old member of the garden, organized the event and made it possible by winning a grant from State Farm Insurance Company. The garden was like a six-ring circus: we built a new deer fence, we had an aerial flyover; and tents and booths popped up everywhere featuring learning stations on such subjects as "Good Bugs vs. Bad Bugs", worm composting, garden jeopardy, "planting a row for hunger", and several other subjects. (For more information about the event, please see the story in the Apex Herald at http://www.theapexherald.com/view/full_story/7221257/article-Teen-encourages-others-to-help-those-in-need.)

Our garden festival worked together with Grow and Share who hosted a generous Garden Plant Giveaway run by AJ Bennett. Participants at the event flocked to the Grow and Share booth, signed a Pledge To Share, and took home hundreds of plants, collectively. Later in the morning, AJ spoke along with the Mayor of Apex and told our crowd of almost 100 people about Grow and Share's mission to fight hunger through gardening and community building. Thank you, Grow and Share, for helping to make our garden festival such a success!



BOOTH AT SIMPLE GIFTS' GROW FESTIVAL

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