

Garden Club Meeting Notes  
4/20/18

Present: Tom Dale, Terry Fasbender, Jim Krellwitz, Deb Shumaker, Shawn Ott, Melanie Blayer, Irene Borak

We started out by watching three videos:

1. How To Hügelkultur AMAZING Grow Method For Raised Beds Vegetable Gardens - Organic & Cheap - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3O2qCQU7Cac>

This video kind of helped explain what Terry would like to do with the garden area by digging out the current soil and then starting with laying rotting logs down, etc.

There was discussion about whether we have the material to do this. Do we have enough logs? Where will we get the manure? Etc. Look around campus, we'll find it. Tom said he has lots as well. Terry has chicken manure. Tom has access to all kinds of goat manure. That could go underneath, below plants with a layer of dirt.

Google Hügelkultur – there is lots of information about it. Can also add charcoal and ash from burning wood.

2. Top Tips for Starting Seeds Indoors (video #2). This is a Mother Earth News video and referenced a garden planner (\$20/year) where you can make notes, showed a schedule on when to start seeds inside, etc. - [https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video;\\_ylt=AwrE19fpx9haCGoAawRXNyoA;\\_ylu=X3oDMTByMjB0aG5zBGNvbG8DYmYxBHBvcwMxBHZ0aWQDBHNIYwNzYw--?p=youtube+starting+seeds&fr=yfp-t-m#action=view&id=2&vid=f6487d8ca82b2c8487aec30fa2f7b8db](https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video;_ylt=AwrE19fpx9haCGoAawRXNyoA;_ylu=X3oDMTByMjB0aG5zBGNvbG8DYmYxBHBvcwMxBHZ0aWQDBHNIYwNzYw--?p=youtube+starting+seeds&fr=yfp-t-m#action=view&id=2&vid=f6487d8ca82b2c8487aec30fa2f7b8db)

3. 5 Tips How to Grow a Ton of Asparagus in a Raised Garden Bed Container - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K83HnbMKbqo>

Potato Bed Workshop – Sometime in mid-May. Terry will figure out how much and then we can have people pre-register, and pay. That way Terry can buy all of the materials ahead of time. Include link to video so that people know what it is. Will probably use bagged soil for that. May 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:30 pm at Garden. Tommy Pavelek said he would come over and help cut lumber. Be sure to send invite to Tommy Pavelek and Nancy Pavelek, too.

Send these notes to Kathy. Have her post on Garden page – with links to videos. Also on Facebook page.

Workshop on starting your own from plant cuttings (for Garden Club members only, for now) - next meeting: Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at noon. Meet at greenhouse – BYOC (container - make sure it has drainage). Shawn will send an invite.

Should we consider possibly subscribing to Mother Earth News Garden Planner again? Might not be a bad idea.

Kirtland Foundation Grant Cycle coming up. Do we need anything, major purchases, for the garden this year? We have most of what we want/need. Wellness Committee has funding set aside for topsoil. Terry will contact Brad Bannon to see if we can get more bison manure. Tom has access to goat manure. We have fertilizer, just bring your boots.

Straw? Topsoil? Terry will check to see if the guy he got straw from before has any available.

Home Depot carrying what we want this year? Raised bed soil? Terry envisioning opening the gates and having it dumped right in the middle. Joe Meadows has connections and might be willing to help us out. Terry will touch base with Joe.

Shall we start thinking about what we want to plant? Yes. Check date on seed packets and make sure they were stored properly.

Next Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at noon – grafting fruit trees – Library eClassroom, if anyone interested. Terry can provide root stock, but would have to charge like \$3-4 (still cheaper than buying a fruit tree).

Seeds store well in the refrigerator for up to 5 years. Put a couple of seeds between wet paper towels. If they sprout, they are good.

We need to find out who wants corn, and figure out how big of a space we will need.

Can talk more on May 7<sup>th</sup> about what people want to plant. Potatoes can start being planted in May.

Will need to kind of figure out how much space will be needed for the potato bins.