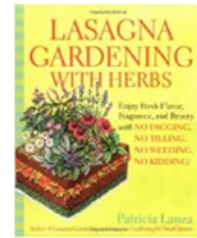




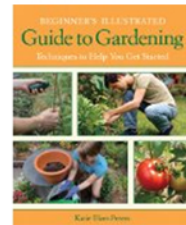
SB 453.5 .T733 2010

Presents advice for home gardeners on how to grow one's own food in limited spaces, providing coverage of such topics as container plants, organic pest control, and preserving home-grown foods.



SB351 .H5 L27 2004

A guide to growing an organic herb garden that requires a minimum of maintenance includes more than fifty recipes and instructions for a range of herb projects.



SB 453 .E49 2012

Beginner's Illustrated Guide to Gardening is written to help anyone who wants to know more about gardening, but it's especially helpful to first-time homeowners and gardeners.

A big thank you!

Nancy Pavelek--cash donation earmarked for future well!

Marcell Romaneky-- donation of seed potatoes!

Deb Shumaker--hand tools, water cooler and other essentials!

Greg Sieszputowski-- pick up and delivery of wood for raised beds!

Dale Shantz-- pick up and delivery of water tanks!

West Branch Home Depot--donation of garden stakes for our garden!

EVERYONE that helped roto till, shovel, haul wood chips, rake, weed, plant and hand water!

The cavalry has arrived!

June 9, 2014, mark this day on your Gardening Calendar! (Don and Kathleen's arms can retract back to their normal length.)

The Crew from Facilities have placed one of two 275 gallon water totes on the west fence for the gardeners to use. These should help get moisture to the thousands of plants on the 15,000 sq. foot garden site! Thanks again!!!



Don't be one of those people that love to talk about getting out and doing things! Join us, we work while we talk :)



Asparagus and Chicken Casserole

- 4 whole chicken breasts, or 1 chicken
- 2 cans asparagus (or 1 fresh bunch)
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 c. chicken broth
- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 1 c. grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 c. bread crumbs

Boil chicken until tender; debone meat and hold out broth. Grease casserole; put asparagus on bottom and chicken on top. Mix soup, lemon juice, mayonnaise and chicken broth and pour over chicken. Sprinkle cheese, then bread crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes.

Wants and Needs!

Wheel barrows, twine, lumber, wood chips, manure, garden hose, stakes, small garden tools, gloves, straw, hay, watering cans, weed block, rust proof deck screws, labor/volunteers, and a great gardening disposition! *Did I mention Garden Hose?*

TRASH TALKIN'

Plump Pickles!

It is said that you can take a boiled egg, crack it open and place it 6 to 8 inches under your cucumber plant, you won't end up with pickled eggs, but it is supposed to make them grow better! (we are experimenting in the garden with this, more later...)

For gardening events around the state visit-- <http://www.michigangardener.com/garden-event-calendar/>



THE SCOOP

The Garden is afloat!

Literally speaking!

It has been a very interesting kickoff to the gardening season at the Kirtland Community Garden. Bed preparations went without a hitch, with our group of volunteers working diligently to make this happen!

After our first day, it was apparent that we were going to be a tad short in the water department, especially with Mother Nature not kicking in her fair share. The water totes were on order and the need for them to be delivered was becoming dire!

To fill in the water gaps, the Wrays came to our rescue, sometimes bringing a hundred gallons or more a day!!

On Monday of this week, Deb and I went over to check which raised beds she was going to pick out; that's when we noticed a revelation! Water, Water, Water! The water tank had been installed and filled by the maintenance staff.

With water available we can judiciously water different areas heavily that are water consumers such as the squash/cucumber, pumpkin and the sweet corn patches.

The other personal beds will still be watered by hand, until we can work out other means of doing so.



Finally here! -- Planting time!!

The Kirtland Community Garden is abuzz with activity!

Many enthusiastic fellow gardeners have shown up last week and this week to plant a wide variety of vegetables and flowers.



Our Wrays of Hope!

Kathleen and Don Wray have saved the day! Actually many days and plants, by bringing well water from home for the gardeners to use. The sign says it all...

The 17 jugs equate to 51 gallons of water. The Wrays have been kind enough to deliver them to the garden then go home to refill and return them on the same day so the plants and gardeners would not go without!

Thank You From all of us!



There are still some beds available, raised and ground level, come join the fun and reap the rewards!