

GARDEN NOTES

AND SO IT GOES

With the advent of warmer weather, our Garden has begun its annual resurgence! The Tulips have come and gone but the Gladiolus and other bulbs are starting to show. The Peonies are also starting to bud out and should start their full bloom glory in the next few weeks. We've been moving the Adirondack chairs around for better viewing as well. There are also a couple of new Roses planted in with the Lavendar. In memory of Linda Johnson, 3 Currants have been ordered and due for delivery by the end of April - these will be planted in the center of the Garden along with the re-located Bird Bath (being re-tasked as a watering station for our bees) as a focal point.

IN THE GARDEN

Big shout outs to Walt for the Fir Bark delivery, plenty of areas where this can be utilized and also to Marty for clearing out the blackberry patches and several dead limbs allowing us to access the Northwest corner of the Garden again!

We've started planting more crops for the 2024 season - tomatoes, peppers, squash to start with and will be following up with more in the very near future - the first of four plant start distributions by the Marion Polk Food Share (MPFS) organization is scheduled for April 27th. Due to the size of our garden we are in their "LARGE" category and will be acquiring many more plants!!! The greenhouse is loaded with additional stock waiting for a new home and Heather has reloaded the seed starter beds in our garage grow area as well...

In addition to the 5 established fruit trees, 14 more have been added along both sides of the walkway north of the greenhouse. These trees will be trained in an espalier fashion so as to not grow too tall and shade the growing beds while also providing more fruit (Apple, Cherry, Peach and Fig). There are also 4 new Blueberry plants added at the ends of the existing rows to help with cross pollination (and fruit production) as we continue to nurse several of the existing berries back to health.

Another shout-out here to our friend Xuan Xuan (shin shin) Villeneuve, who in addition to volunteering her time has donated Fruit Tree, Potato and Tomato starts as well as Rose and Blueberry plants to the cause.

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PICTURES



Watchdog (DAISY)

Morning Sun



Panoramic View

CALENDAR

APRIL/MAY 2024 - P.2

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ALWAYS - weeding, cleanup (limbs and leaves, debris)

APRIL

Plant, Grow, Water*, Weed, REPEAT

Seed starts and hardening off prior to planting

Continue preparation and planting of production garden beds

27 - MPFS Plant Start giveaway #1 of 4

MAY

Plant, Grow, Water*, Weed, REPEAT

tbd - Garden Project 5 year look ahead planning meeting (ideas? - please share)

11 - MPFS Plant Start give-away #2 of 4

12 - MOTHERS DAY

25 - MPFS Plant Start give-away #3 of 4

27 - MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE

8 - MPFS Plant Start give-away #4 of 4

PS - we will be out of town on May 11 and will miss the MPFS Plant Start give-away. Would anyone be able to cover? It is at the Youth Farm at Chemeketa College in North Salem. You might need a pickup truck or SUV type vehicle with a rear cargo space for the plants. If so, I'll get you details.

Thanks All

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