

Interfaith Garden Report

Saturday, July 30th

Volunteers from: Hancock, Chinese Bible Church, Follen, LDS, First Baptist

Weather: It's summer, so sunny and warm!



Harvest: over 150 pounds of bok choy, basil, beets, radishes, carrots, purslane, onions, garlic, arugula, potatoes, tomatoes, Swiss chard, lettuce, green onions, broccoli tenders, zucchini, eggplant, cucumbers and probably more that I can't remember! We sent 5 carts worth of produce to the Lex Food Pantry.

Everywhere I hear friends and neighbors lamenting the tough times their gardens are going through with the lack of rain. And vegetable gardens aren't yielding as much. Not true at the Interfaith Garden. I checked the history of the Garden last year and we didn't achieve these types of yields until more like the end of August.

Today's jackpot was in potatoes and bok choy. I don't have the numbers but it's likely over 50 pounds alone of bok choy were harvested. Our volunteers kept coming in with pallet after pallet and it was a challenge keeping up with the weighing and loading. We also had a lot of potatoes. One volunteer said she liked digging up the potatoes because it was like doing a treasure hunt. Carla also added zucchini blossoms. Carla said she had enough of the zucchini and taking the male blossoms was like exercising birth control for zucchini!



Below are a few pictures of the Pantry volunteers accepting and organizing all the vegetables. It's a lot of work to sort it into smaller bundles appropriate for fair distribution to all the pantry clients. The corn seen in the picture was not from the Interfaith Garden, but most of the rest of the produce was. We ran out of room to unload in the kitchen so there were even more of our pallets waiting in the other room.



