

Report from the Interfaith Garden

Saturday, September 10, 2016



Volunteers from: Redeemer, Follen, Grace, Hancock, Catholic Community and First Baptist

Weather: warm and muggy

Our harvest totaled 95 pounds going over to the Lexington Food Pantry: zucchini, yellow squash, delicate squash, tomatoes, bok choy, Swiss chard, cherry tomatoes, eggplant, radishes, broccoli, arugula, green peppers, parsley, basil, sage, tarragon

Drama at the Garden this morning! Carla had seen evidence that the Garden has been the feasting ground for some unwanted 4-legged guests. But they have evaded all her attempts to remove them. However, this morning, when 2 bunnies were spotted, all work was halted in order to try again with more manpower. Carla had a few volunteers systematically move together in a row to beat the leafy crops (under which the bunnies hide), driving the bunnies toward the open gate. This requires all the other volunteers to quickly scoot well away from the gate and freeze. Otherwise the bunnies will end up running away from everyone and never see the desired escape route via the open gate. We did have some success. One bunny made it out. So if any of you readers are at the Garden in the future and see another one of the 4-legged guests, now you will know what to do next!

By the way, Mark who tracks all the produce delivered out of the Garden, reports that as of today, we have donated 1,240 pounds to the Lexington Food Pantry this season. Bok Choy tops the list at 183 pounds, followed by tomatoes at 143 pounds.



Harvesting the Swiss Chard. This is one crop which will keep on going into the Fall. Megan also planted spinach seeds this morning...another good crop for the cool weather ahead.



This was a good squash day. We had over 40 pounds of zucchini and yellow squash. And there were lots of baby yellow squash and blossoms waiting on the vines for another day, another harvest.



The radishes were just begging to be picked. See how they've pushed their way above ground?



Looking for ripe tomatoes in the tomato jungle.



A First Parish volunteer who has been spending lots of time cleaning up brush on their property and around the Interfaith Garden. He came this morning with his truck to haul it away and a few of our Saturday volunteers were able to help.