

Congratulations Community Development People!

Our Efforts in Coming Together Around the Garden Have Been Successful Thus Far.



This is what Vanessa had to say about the party that she, Jessica Rae (garden members) and their church hosted at BPCG July 28: "It wasn't what we were expecting as there were few families and kids (and a lot of rain), but we got to bless and serve the entire market! We usually had to tell them twice that the burgers were actually free :) I loved that people would come to eat and hangout under our makeshift tarp, that we actually got to learn about some of the amazing things these people do! They work so hard to bring local goods to our neighborhood and they deserve a medal for it, or at least a free burger!"

Tuesday Evenings



BPCG member Emily and Mikhaila led the children's activity this Tuesday. They created cute signs to go around the garden, giving passers-by even more to admire as they tour about on a Sunday morning.

Mikhaila (top) is the teenaged daughter of Johanne, BPCG volunteer coordinator.

There are more volunteer opportunities so please contact us.



Have you ever heard of a chicken tractor?! The chickens are in a wheeley cage. As they graze, the cage can be shifted to control where they weed your garden! That's just one example of PERMACULTURE which we discussed on Tuesday with Inga Darcy.

Not letting any precious nature go to waste is a way of practicing PERMACULTURE. If a child accidentally picks a tiny baby eggplant, why not at least wear it as a necklace!!!





Together with camp leaders, volunteers and Mother Nature, we were able to succeed in making the Westboro kids' visits to the garden, nutritious, fun and educational. We played games, cared for the plants, and in the last few visits, had amazing veggie picnics. The best is watching the kids cut the food with a butter knife into slices and pass them around to each other and waiting for the next piece of cucumber, zucchini or even radish. Anything from the garden, they liked! A special thanks to Becca Wallace (below, with Henry) who came out to several children's garden events to assist the children and guide them in their gardening adventures. Also a big thanks to Josee, our BPCG member for teaching the Westboro kids adding a natural artistic contribution to the garden.

Up-Coming Events

Tuesday, August 6, 7:00 pm: Seed saving info session with Domenic Rosati, garden member. Domenic will be organizing a seed sharing library for BPCG.

Tuesday, August 6, 7:00 pm: For children, scavenger hunt and children's garden care.

Tuesday, August 13, 7:00 pm: Did you know that "aquaponics" will play an important role in the BPCG biodome project? Aquaponics lead Nathalie Poulin will lead an interactive discussion all about aquaponics in the biodome!

Tuesday, August 13, 7:00 pm: For children, preparation of decorations for the launch party!

Sunday, August 18, 12:00 - 3:00 pm: WORK BEE! There is garden maintenance that can be done by a group of volunteers.

Sunday, August 18, 1:30 - 2:30 pm: BPCG founding member and demonstration plot lead Lori Waller will host a hands-on workshop for fall planting.



We have seen a few Children's Garden leaders taking part in gardening, such as Capital Daycare and Astolot teachers. Sean and his children Anabelle and Jacob (Westboro students) made a full morning's work of tending to the children's gardens. Together we trimmed the interior of the teepees, planted tomato suckers, harvested beans, staked MANY tomatoes, and installed/ arranged vertical gardening structures. Here they are below in front of the Westboro plots tended that day.

Now that school and camps are over, the Westboro plots will be tended by children and volunteers who participate in Tuesday and Sunday activities.

Scott and Freddy

Scott and Freddy have worked hard to fulfill the demands of this year's impressive expansion. They have contributed their personal intelligence, creativity and workmanship to several key projects like plot construction, design plans, communal plots, other garden structures and our wonderful shed. I wish I could have spent more consistent hours and days working on the garden with these guys. We have Edmund, our fundraising coordinator to thank for making it possible to employ Scott and Freddy (as well as myself) this summer. Many thanks! It's a great place to work!



Mtl. Biodome Field-Trip

Guy and Michael, Biodome project leads, had the idea to take a road trip to experience other ingenious gardening projects at work. It was a great idea, since Montreal is not very far and they have some great innovative things going on. We visited Santropol, an organization that doesn't hold themselves back from going from one humanitarian creative endeavor after the other. They started out delivering meals to the elderly, then began doing so by bike, and then growing the food in spaces such as this AMAZING rooftop garden, which includes two bee hives! The second place we visited was McGill campus which is home to an impressive network of campus and roof-top gardens. Last, we were given a tour of the Concordia Greenhouse which houses a lovely and interesting aquaponics outfit.

Japanese Beetles.



You may have noticed the trap full of Japanese Beetles and those bugs eating your plants. The trap works by attracting the pests with pheromones. The trap then needs to be emptied into soapy water to kill the bugs, before throwing them away.

On the zucchini front, now that we have been spraying the squash family plants with sulfur and trimming back moldy leaves, the plants are doing ok. Please remove moldy leaves and throw them into the garbage as opposed to the compost.

NOTES:

THE WATERING CANS ARE NOW BEING STORED IN THE SHED.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE SPACE AROUND YOUR PLOT TO ADD EXTRA PLANTERS. REMOVE BY AUGUST 20. THANK YOU.

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