



“I like planting ‘cause you get messy.”

- Keshav, Grade 1 student at Westboro Academy



Upcoming Events:

June 2 1:00pm First Sunday Garden Tour - Come out & learn about the humble beginnings of our garden!

June 2 1:30pm Children's Activities at the Garden - Join us for a fun time painting barrels with colourful natural food dyes!

June 2 1:30pm Communal Garden Plot Planting

June 2 2:00pm BPCG Spring AGM

June 2 3:30pm Public Consultation Meeting on Biodome Garden Project

June 9 1:00pm How to Build a Garden Box - Get hands on experience on how to build a garden box with Scott & Freddy, our interns!

Welcome!

We are very happy to have you on board with us as we launch our first ever BPCG newsletter! Our aim is to be a forum of discussion among our community, where goals can be shared and ideas can be exchanged. So go on, turn the page! See what you and your neighbours have been up to at BPCG.

Who's plotting beside you?

Do you know who's plotting beside you? Have you met them before? I mean, how come Marcel always seems to be tending multiple plots at once! At BPCG we have four different types of plots: member plots communal plots, donation plots and children's plots. Most of the garden is populated with member plots, which are assigned annually and are under the care of its owner. On the other hand, communal plots are under the care of the membership community designated for the cultivation of larger plants, such as zucchinis. The reason for this is to free up space in member plots for other plants. Similarly,

the donation plots, administered by Marcel, are cared for by a group of volunteers. All the produce from the donation plots go to organizations such as St. Margaret Mary's Church "In From the Cold" program. Lastly, we have three schools and two daycares that are part of the children's garden: Westboro Academy, Astolot Educational Centre, Great River School, Capital Daycare and Natalie's home daycare. Firehall's After 4 program children regularly come to work at the garden and so did the Girl Guides.



The communal plots located at the center of the garden bring unity to the design and unity among the members. Thank you everyone who contributed in any way to complete this project – from the box filler to the designer!

Communal plots completed!

After countless measurements, wood-cutting, dirt shoveling, water-breaks, and missing fingers (just kidding!), the communal plots have been completed and are ready for planting! From inception, the communal plots have been a collective effort as volunteers and staffs labour together to gun staples through planks of wood. Come join us for the inauguration of the plots by bringing seedlings to plant in our communal plots!



Need help? Ask the interns!



Hey, I am Scott Hardock. I am a third year Electrical Engineering student at Algonquin College. My pastimes include robotics, microcontroller automation, hiking, outdoor survival, and breeding fish. This is my first year

working with the Brewer Park Gardens, and it is great. Spending all day out in the sun building and maintaining everything is my kind of job. Let me know if there is anything I can do to help make the place better. Cheers!



Hi my name is Isabel Tang. I'm entering my fourth year at the University of Ottawa. I like biking, eating, the sun, and people stories. I'm looking forward to working with you all to implement your great ideas to improve the garden and make the garden a better place!



My name is Freddy Villatoro. I'm 22 years old from Ottawa. I am currently studying civil engineering at Algonquin College. I've already received my technology diploma for Architecture. I am here to assist in anyway the garden needs!



Sowing seeds with Ali D Kids & Urban Gardens



"You put the seeds in, then you see what they look like when they come up."
- Maya J., Westboro

Hi y'all,

I went to Miss Jenny's grade one class of our neighbouring Westboro Academy to participate in their first gardening activity of the season on May 9, 2013. They spread soil on the table and the children each filled a biodegradable pot, and added seeds, dirt and water. They planted peppers, pumpkins and squash. Afterwards, the children of Westboro Academy got ready for a busy gardening season with ten plots in the Brewer Park Community Garden.

kids from the Firehall and their leaders come every Monday to pitch in with what garden work that needs to get done. They're always ready to work! In the picture below they are making sure there are no grubs in the sandbox and painting the teepee sticks with natural dyes.

It will be great to meet new volunteers and new children this year!

Ali D

Garden Assistant

Besides the students at Westboro Academy, we have been lucky to host a weekly gardening club attended by the kids of the Firehall Community Centre's After-care program. We have planted, painted, shoveled, watered, ... the works! It has been time well spent. I would like to thank Danielle for getting me involved with the Children's Garden initiative last year. The



We're picturing what awesome volunteers look like...

Newsletter Page of Gratitude!

What you will witness below is a page full of dedicated, hardworking volunteers who have committed their time, energy, and care to come help out with the tasks of maintaining and building of a beautiful community garden. Thanks for laying the foundation, literally, of BPCG! If anyone knows of any valiant volunteers that have braved the hot weather and hard work and would like to pour out some public recognition on them please feel free to use a megaphone and declare it to all of Old Ottawa South! Then let us know so we can snap a picture of him or her! Unfortunately unlike the Internet there isn't unlimited space on paper, but that is why we have facebook! Check out our other fantastic volunteers on facebook and go "like" all their hard work!



Maureen Dickson
Donation Plot volunteer &
Sustainable Fashioneer

Marcel Bélanger
Donation Plot Administrator &
Gardener for 59 years!



Peggy Clement
Volunteer & Garden Member
Garden Tip: "Don't sweat it!"



Linda & Alice
Volunteers & Garden Member
Favourite Veggies: Cucumbers &
Beans
Garden Tip: "I really like the square foot method... I highly recommend it because it maximizes the space. Also, you want to use your height. You save space."



Brewer Park Community Garden

Executive committee:

President: Danielle Cantin

Vice-President: Marcel Bélanger

Secretary: Alison Kemp

Treasurer: Ed Kucerak

Member liaison: Al Holtz

Coordinating committee:

Building coordinators: Guy Soulière and Michael Oster

Children's coordinators: Alison Duncan and Danielle Cantin

Communication's coordinators: Alison Kemp and Ed Kucerak

Donation plot coordinator: Marcel Bélanger

Demonstration plot coordinator: Lori Waller

Fundraising coordinator: Edmond Marc du Rogoff

Maintenance coordinator: Catherine Montgomery

Membership coordinator: Paula Claudino

Volunteer coordinator: Johanne Ranger

Keep in touch!

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