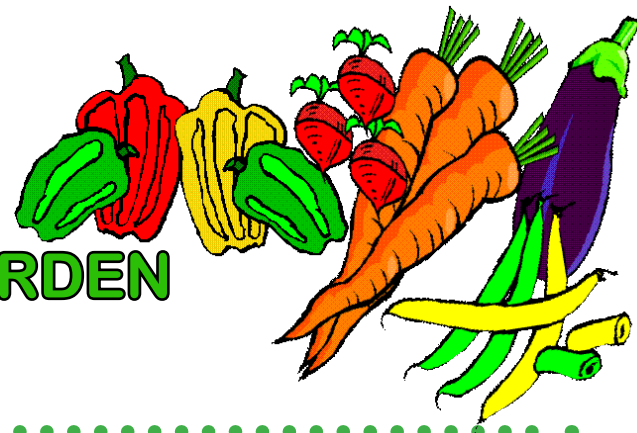


October 3, 2012

INDIANA COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS



Great News from the Garden

Is this the end of our first gardening season? Well, not yet. August and September were filled with various activities but we can still expect many interesting events to happen in the coming months. As you might have seen, the gardens have been looking fantastic throughout the summer months, and we are still harvesting Swiss chard, peppers, tomatoes, beets and carrots from the community plots.

We had two well attended food demonstrations done by our IUP nutritionists Jody Seybold and Nicole Dan Payne. They gave us delicious vegetable recipes and taught us how to can and freeze food according to USDA standards. You can check Nicole's blog on our website. She gives recipes and many very interesting nutritional facts.

Our compost bin is getting filled with the garden's plants and coffee grounds donated by Amadeus. Peter Russell, an IUP studio art student has volunteered to take responsibility for the proper management of the compost.

Two groups from IUP language institute volunteered in the garden under the supervision of Tom Nowak and Kay Snyder. The students were very appreciative and did a wonderful job helping with the garden maintenance.

Adam Criscuolo, wood designer and sculptor is currently working on a

design to creatively screen the gas well. We can expect to have a structure built during the fall. This creative project will be done under the leadership of Indiana Arts Council.

We had a wonderful and elegant candlelit dinner in the garden in late September. The night was perfect, and the food cooked by Nick Karas from Naps was extraordinary. Knowing that it came from our garden made it extra special. Thanks so much to Nick, who made this event so successful.

Finally, we were able to make another addition to the garden by planting along the Carter Avenue fence 15 healthy raspberries plants that were donated by Frank Renosky. We will also be planting 20 blueberries plants that were donated by Lowes for \$1 a piece.

Upcoming Events

The third demonstration will take place October 13rd in the garden and will focus on using wintersquash in a variety of healthy and tasteful ways. Please sign up on our website to reserve a spot. www.indianacommunitygarden.org

We will do a general cleanup day at the end of October. Look for the specific date on our website or on your email if you would like to help. We will also experiment with a fall and winter crop. Plans are already

on the way to build a low tunnel to cover one of the community plot. We are hoping to harvest through the winter months. The garden is far from dying. Come and check it out throughout the coming months.

Our next meeting will be November 3rd 10:00 AM at the Indiana Free library.

Interested in Getting Involved?

If you would like to sponsor and/or reserve a plot for next year, please let us know as soon as possible by contacting us at icg15701@gmail.com. A bed sponsorship is \$100. The renting fee for next year will be \$30.00. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. You can donate directly by using the pay pal account on our website or by sending a check to the order of Indiana community Garden/ Special project at: Penn State extension/ 827 Water street / Indiana PA 15701

Please send items for future newsletters to Tami Whited at twhited@iup.edu. We especially invite gardening tips appropriate to the season and to our locale.

