

SUMMER 2014

This summer has been filled with many good activities in the garden. It is very common to see children running around the plots, checking the plants, chasing the butterflies, tasting some produce and picking flowers. Visitors of all ages seem to enjoy stopping by. The garden looks beautiful and is very bountiful even though the weather is not always as cooperative as we would like it to be.

The physical structure of the garden was completed in June when Gail Auth sewed the sails now attached to the wooden posts. As Adam Criscuolo, the designer of this project, quoted "The architectural features are there to tie the gas well into the landscape and into the experience of the garden". This is a project that will continue to evolve as we will be able to modify the appearance of the design by adding different forms of art and various plants. Thanks to Adam, Gail, Bill Heberer, and all the volunteers who helped build this landscape project. Thanks also to the Royal Gas Company who

sponsored it.



On July 19, 9 students from Upward Bound came to volunteer in the garden. Among the many activities they accomplished, they helped us pull beautiful garlic that was planted in the Fall. The community will be able to take some home at one of our garden events. They also helped us to get rid of many Japanese beetles that were making a feast of our newly planted apple trees and green beans!

Our "Taste and Tour" sponsored by Friends of the Park was a big success despite a drenching rain that interrupted the tour. Many volunteers made this tour a great success. Thanks to all of them, about 70 visitors were able to get information on rain water barrels, compost, gardening, apple trees, weeds and nutrition. They also sampled food made by our 2 nutritionists Nicole and Jodie, and also by Nap's Cucina Mia and the Cozy Corner Cafe.

We have a new partnership with the Cozy Corner Coffee. They use produce from our community gardens to make weekend specials. Individual plot owners can also bring their excess produce to them. A percentage of the benefit comes back to the garden. If you get a chance, go sample their delicious organic salads and sandwiches!

UPCOMING EVENTS

We still have a number of events and activities to fill our summer in the garden. Please put on your calendar the following dates:

- August 16: Yoga in the garden with Sun Flower Yoga.
 It is beautiful opportunity to see the sky and the trees while doing gentle yoga. Your donation for the class benefits the garden.
- August 20: ICG Meeting at 5PM in the garden's pavilion. The first 30 minutes of the meeting is
 to address all general issues and questions. The second part is for ICG members but everyone is
 welcome.
- September 14: Food demonstration by Jodie and Nicole "Waste Not, Want More", ideas for stretching your late summer produce.
- September 28: ICG will have a booth at the Farmer's Market from 9AM to 12 noon.
- September 14: Candle light dinner in the garden catered by Nick from Nap's Cucina Mia. Please look for details for this event on our website. Reservations can already be made by sending an email to icg15701@gmail.com.



People enjoying the garden during "Taste and Tour"

Please check our website, for more pictures and all of our updates: www.indianacommunitygardens.org

