



Yellowknife Community Garden Collective

Gardening Season 2001

Well, by the time this newsletter arrives Gardening Season 2001 will be well underway! A rototiller was rented and I think all plots got a work over. The water is on at the old site. Have heard no updates on the water situation at the new site. And lots of people have started planting! Here's hoping everyone has a most enjoyable summer!!

Important Dates

Fees Due: For those members who have not done so yet, **please have all fees paid and waiver & membership forms returned by June 15 !!**

Someone will start hounding you after that. Membership fees are \$5 per person, plots are \$20 per plot.

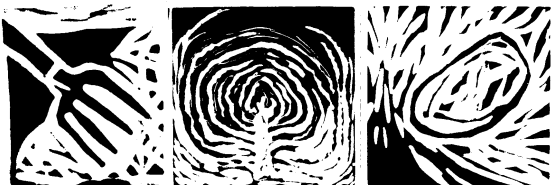
Planting: The tentative "plant by" date is **June 15**. If you will not have your garden planted by that date, please contact a site manager. There are other people on the waiting list, if you do not intend to garden this summer, maybe we could give the chance to other Yellowknifers.

Adopt-a-Block Cleanup: Every **3rd Thursday of the month** is designated as part of Adopt-a-Block cleanup program. Please come out and help!

Plot Assignments

At this time most of the plots have been assigned. The attached plot assignment sheets are the most up-to-date available at time of putting this newsletter together. Be aware that the **plot numbers may differ from last year's**. All plots are now numbered sequentially (there is no plot #2 in both the old and new sites).

A note from Lisette: Members should know that if they have been assigned a plot this year but can't plant, those who *do* plant on that site are only doing so *for this year*. Original plot assignments will be returned next year, unless you are giving up your plot. Any questions on this, please get in touch with Lisette Self.



Gardening Workshops

There were numerous gardening workshops held in May, and there are a few more to come. A scaled to 8 1/2 x 11 poster for these is attached. The workshops were sponsored by the Yellowknife Garden Centre and co-hosted by the Garden Centre and the YCGC. Thanks to Shelley for all the effort! Thanks also to all board members who went as representatives! If anyone would like to represent the YCGC at any of the remaining workshops please contact Shelley Johnson.



**Happy Gardening !
Please Remember to
Keep it Organic !!!**

Volunteers Needed !!

Amateur photographer needed ASAP. To help fill the shoes of our current archivist who will be unable to attend to archivist duties this summer. We just need photos taken around and about the garden during the summer and at special events. Please contact Karen Ashbury if you are interested.

Various Other Volunteers Needed — Please contact a site manager or assistant site manager if you are interested in helping out with any of the following:

- ▲ The shed at the old site needs painting. Paint will be provided.
- ▲ We need a couple of members to take on caring for the composters at both sites.
- ▲ A work team is needed to put in ties at sites 25 – 47, to hold up gravel and sand.

Board Members Needed: If you would like to join the board, come talk to any one of us and let us know. In any case, start thinking about it because it's never too early to join!! There are positions that will be empty soon and we need all the help we can get!

Sign Up Sheets

A note from the Site Managers (?): There is a sign up sheet now posted in the sheds. If people clean up around the site, do repairs or paint, etc.... please put your name on the sheet, along with date and activity completed.



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Gardening Etiquette

There is basic gardening etiquette that should be followed by YCGC gardeners. Here are some of the major items:

- ⤴ All watering is to be done manually (ie., using watering cans or pails, NOT a spray hose hooked up to the water outlet)
- ⤴ all members are responsible for ensuring that the water tap and storage shed are locked up before they leave the site
- ⤴ all tools should be stored in the shed after you are finished using them
- ⤴ members should use organic gardening methods
- ⤴ pathways should be kept clear of tools, refuse from your garden, etc.
- ⤴ all children (and pets) are to be supervised by adults while at the garden site
- ⤴ Please put all garbage in garbage bins in sheds, not in the bin used for weeds kept next to composters
- ⤴ Smokers, please put all butts in coffee tins (there is usually one standing on picnic table near shed)

Food Security Plots

Part of being a member at YCGC is to help maintain a food security plot. Members personal plots are situated along the perimeter of the garden, food security plots (FSP's) in the centre. Vegetables grown in FSP's should be low maintenance, easy to grow and easy to harvest. Root vegetables are suggested as they also hold longer when given to eventual recipients (Salvation Army, Food Bank, Women's Shelter, etc.). Members are responsible for planting, tending and harvesting the FSP's located beside their own personal plot. Responsibilities for tending these plots are shared between members of the two plots adjacent to each FSP. Whether you and your neighbours share the responsibility of this plot together, or divide the FSP in two, is up to you.

Do you need help with Planting ?

New members that may want help planting should call Roxanne or Lisette. There is a list started and they will contact people to arrange dates.

Starter Plants Available

Lisette says she knows someone who has rosemary and French tarragon starter plants to give away. These are perennials. Please contact Lisette if interested.

A Beginners Garden

The following advice from a previous YCGC newsletter. For a garden 10' X 16', make 11 rows each 10' long, of the following:

<u>ROW</u>	<u>PLANT</u>
1	zucchini (4 plants)
2	tomatoes (5 plants)
3	peppers (6 plants)
4	cabbage
5	bush beans
6	lettuce
7	beets
8	carrots
9	chard
10	radishes
11	marigolds

One of the site managers suggests this as a What-to-Grow list: lettuce, carrots, beets, beans, peas, potatoes, zucchini, and flowers.

Companion Planting

This also from a previous newsletter.

<i>PLANTS</i>	<i>BUDDIES</i>	<i>ENEMIES</i>
cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, turnip	celery, camomile, dill, peppermint, onions, potato	strawberry, pole beans, tomatoes
carrots	onion, leek, lettuce, tomato	dill
potato	beans, corn, cabbage, horseradish, marigold	pumpkin, tomato, squash, cucumber
tomato	chives, onions, parsley, carrots, garlic	corn, potatoes
lettuce	strawberry, carrots	



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Garden Plot Assignments for 2001 — *Old Site*

(1) <i>Wick</i>	(A)	SHED
(2) <i>T. Stephenson J. Gilchrist</i>	(B)	TABLE
(3) <i>Warsamme</i>	(C)	(24) <i>Doak</i>
(4) <i>D. Landry T Ouellette Landry</i>	(D)	(23) <i>A. McKay S. Betzinely</i>
(5) <i>V. Rashke L. Ecklund</i>	(E)	(22) <i>Coles</i>
(6) <i>Dahl</i>	(F)	(21) <i>Chilibecks</i>
(7) <i>Self</i>	(G)	(20) <i>Dyer</i>
(8) <i>Jones</i>	(H)	(19) <i>Laity</i>
(9) <i>Veerman</i>	(I)	(18) <i>K. Ashbury M. Templin</i>
(10)	(J)	(17) <i>Trudel</i>
(11)	(K)	(16) <i>S. Schonberger L. Jewel</i>
(12)	(L)	(15)
(13)	(M)	Compost & Half Plot

Features of the Community Garden

- X Water tap located halfway down the garden around plot 21 and 16.
- X Members' personal plots have been situated along the perimeter (see numbered plots on diagram) to allow members to take advantage of using the fence for gardening.
- X Food security plots have been situated in the centre (see shaded plots) to allow members of adjacent plots to share gardening duties. This layout also ensures that everyone can easily keep an eye on the progress of all food security gardens.
- X Personal plots are 10' x 18' and food security plots are slightly smaller (10' x 10').
- X The type of vegetable grown in each food security plot to be determined by the Board in consultation with members. These vegetables should be low maintenance, easy to grow, and easy to harvest/provide to food security groups.

Members' Responsibilities for Food Security Plots:

- X Members are responsible for planting, tending and harvesting the food security plot located beside their own personal plot.
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Garden Plot Assignments for 2001 — *New Site*

(25) COMPOST	(A)	SHED
(26) Jenkins	(B)	
(27) Butler	(C)	
(28) Lambert J. Danylchuk	(D)	(47)
(29) Blacklock	(E)	(46) Wallbridge
(30) Lapkas	(F)	(45) D. Schreiner R. Woodham
(31) P. Booth C. Bourgeois	(G)	(44) S. Johnson L. Morton
(32) Nina Capello	(H)	(43) R. Beavers J. Coughlin
(33) Haire Sorenson	(I)	(42) Samuel
(34) Jennings	(J)	(41) J. Green J. Mckenna
(35) Kelly	(K)	(40) J. Sass
(36) Harvey Rochette	(L)	(39) LeBlanc-Blouet Lafreniere
(37) Haycotte-Rourke Clavet	(M)	(38) Loubert Gauvin

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Gardening Workshops & Events for Spring 2001



Saturday May 5th
10am to 12pm

Composting: Black Gold and How to Get It

Speakers: Vicky Johnston and Roxanne Beavers

Location: Yellowknife Public Library

The speakers will provide a description of how to do both worm composting and general composting. Bring a small container to start your own vermicomposter!

Saturday, May 12th
10am to 12pm

Bugs, Birds and Butterflies: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly

Speaker: Dave Tilden and Bob Bromley

Location: Yellowknife Public Library

All about bugs - good bugs and how to attract butterflies and other beneficial insects, as well as, bad bugs and how to deal with them!

Saturday, May 19th
10am to 12pm

Much Ado About Mulching: Preparing Your Garden for Planting

Speaker: Jean Wallace

Location: Yellowknife Garden Centre

How to prepare your beds for spring, different types of mulching and why it's a good idea.

Wednesday, May 23rd
7pm to 9pm

Companion Planting: Roses with Garlic, Tomatoes with Carrots

Speaker: Round Table

Location: Yellowknife Garden Centre

Planting flowers and vegetables to increase flavor, protect them from

Saturday, May 26th
10am to 12pm

All the Dirt on Earth: How to Make Soil and Keep it Healthy

Speaker: Gene Hache

Location: Yellowknife Community Garden

A session on how to mix soil, how to test it and how to amend it.

Wednesday, May 30th
7pm to 9pm

Annuals, Perennials, Shade Lovers and Sun Worshippers: What's Up in 2001

Speaker: Jerry Vandenbilche

Location: Yellowknife Garden Centre

A session/tour about what plants are available at the greenhouse, what works where, what's hardy, what's new, what's cool, etc.

Wednesday, June 6th
7pm to 9pm

Create Your Own Container and Hanging Basket

Speaker: Annette from the Garden Centre

Location: Yellowknife Garden Centre, Limit of 20 persons

-- sign up at the Garden Centre.

Annette will demonstrate how to put together hanging baskets and floral pots with pinache. **A limit of 2 pots per person can be brought with you. Soil, plants, pots and containers will also be available at the Garden Centre at special pricing.

Wednesday, June 13th
7pm to 9pm

Landscaping and Garden Fountains

Speaker: Karen Legresley Hamre of Avens Associates and Jerry Vandenbilche

Location: Yellowknife Garden Centre

Karen will talk to us about when to bring in the experts for landscaping, how to work with them, the typical costs incurred, etc. Jerry will show us how to plant a garden fountain

Wednesday, June 20th
7pm to 9pm

Creating a Northern Plant Garden

Speaker: TBD

Location: Yellowknife Community Garden

A talk about how to introduce wild plants, flowers and trees into your garden.

Wednesday, June 30th
7pm to 9pm

It Has to Happen Eventually: Preparing Your Gardens for Fall

Speaker: TBD

Location: Yellowknife Garden Centre

A whistful look back at gardening in 2000 and then a practical talk on how to prepare your beds for fall 2001 and how to prepare your tools and equipment

WORKSHOP FEES

Members: FREE (for either society)

Non-Members: \$5.00



Hosted by the Yellowknife Gardening and Landscape Society and the Yellowknife Community Garden Collective

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For More Information: Shelly Johnson, 873-9893





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Important Note:

Apologies to anyone who does not receive this newsletter in the mail! Not all mailing addresses were available at time of sending. So, please ask your plot partner(s) if they received the newsletter. If not, please share. Also, sincere regrets if this newsletter arrives too late to be of much help to the new gardeners. I trust, & hope, you received the help you may have needed from other members at the site.

