

# Newsletter

May 2023



**Mission:** A space for residents of Wellington North to grow food, learn and connect through gardening

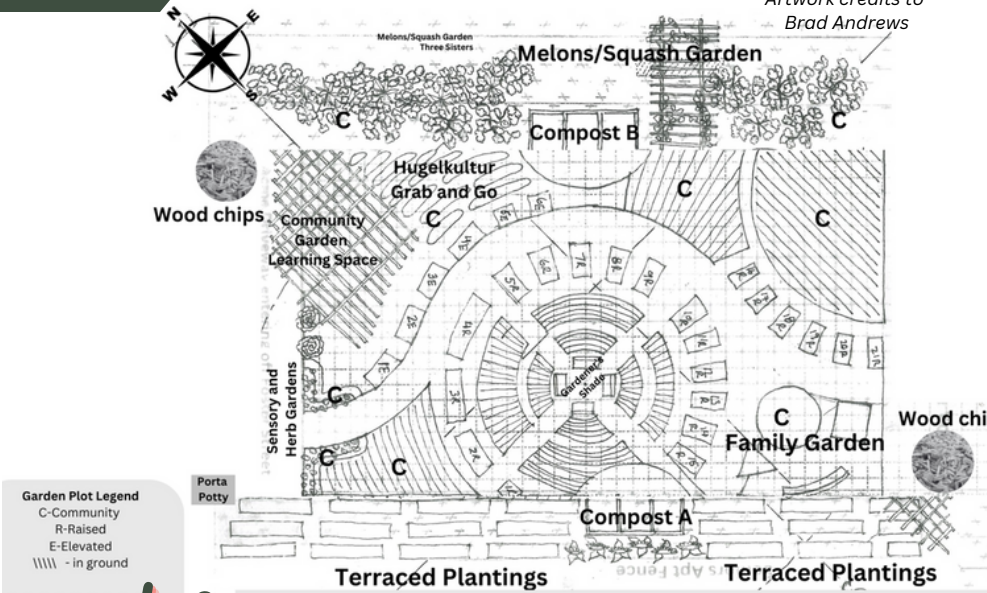
**Planting Update:** due to the unanticipated weather delays - it is tentatively anticipated that planting will be possible by the first week of June



The Mount Forest Community Garden Layout Revealed!



Are those "Crop-Circles?" No they aren't - they will become beautiful walkways!  
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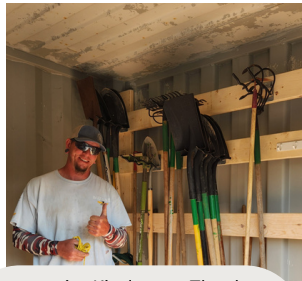
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## Garden Updates

### Mount Forest Community Garden 2023

A cool-wet spring so far has delayed getting onto the Garden Site to do any work. But after a week of warm sunny weather, the Down-To-Earth'ers were able get started and get their hands dirty. May 13 & 14 were days of picking stones, planting ground cover on the West berm and marking out the primary layouts for pathways and planting spaces. Thanks to Robertson Landscaping for their donated time & equipment to rectify the ditch so it would drain. Thanks to all volunteers who were able to make it.

In-person Registration night - May 3



Community Kindness - Thank you Crystal & Steve for the garden tools and Matt for helping to organize the storage unit!

Looking for community involvement? Check us out!

## What's a Volunteering Style?

- *Worker Bee* - When many hands are required to do a big job, worker bees will come together to tackle it on mass. eg. laying down mulch on garden paths.
- *Community Grower* - Tend to the Community Plots that grow food for the local food banks and other common garden spaces.
- *W3 - Weed, Water and Wander* - Weed common pathways, pump water between rain reservoirs, and check on tools and supplies.
- *Guardian of the Garden* - Volunteers routinely walk through the garden, either early morning or evening, to maintain regular presence and deter unwanted activity.
- *Offer your gardening experience* - Draft helpful written guides or video segments to use as educational tools.
- *Garden Buddy* - work alongside new gardeners or gardeners who require some assistance to share your knowledge, abilities and skills.
- *Join a Committee* to contribute to the organization of the garden project. Committee descriptions can be downloaded [here](#).
- *Donate* - items for the garden or financially, to support costs of building/operating the garden.

To sign-up for volunteering - email the [Community Engagement Committee](#), or complete the [Garden Application Form](#).



Click here to Register for your Garden Spot or to Volunteer:

[Garden Sign-Up](#)

Registrations received as of this date will be waitlisted until the garden is fully laid out. You will be contacted at that time.

Do you have extra plantings or seeds that you won't be using as of May 28 & that you want to donate? Email [mountforestgarden@gmail.com](mailto:mountforestgarden@gmail.com) to arrange for drop off or pick up.

Want to donate? Tools, Seeds, Funds? [Check out our Wishlist!](#)

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