

Ruff'ton Roots Community Garden Meeting

Rutherfordton Clubhouse, NC
Tuesday, March 5th - 5:30 pm

A. Welcoming/Community Agreements

Community Agreements

- Assume Good Intentions
- Be Kind
- Honor Time with Intentional Focus
- Any Contribution is Valuable
- We are all Learning and we all have Unique Strengths
- Any Question is a Good Question
- This is a Safe to Fail Environment
- Push your Edge - discomfort can lead to growth!
- Both/And Mindset, over Either/Or

B. March Schedule

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 pm Starting March 12th -

Garden Work Gatherings @ Hospital Drive

- March 12th - Cutting Potatoes Under Shade Sails
- March 14th - Planting Potatoes at Norris Park
- March 19th - Vegetable sowing and Planting in Plot 1 and Safe Pathways
- EXCEPTION - March 21st - Potting Up **AT DEER VALLEY FARM (Bob Young's)**
 - Address: 2249 Freeman Town Road, Lake Lure (actually closer to Greehill)
- March 26th and 28th - Garden prepping for April planting.

Saturday, March 23rd - 11 am - 2 pm - Arts and Crafts Day

Next Project: Bamboo Pole Renovations and Install Birdhouse Gourds

In the event of rain, we will move to the Rutherfordton Clubhouse Basement

All events through April are up on PointApp, please join!

C. Upcoming Garden Goals

- Prepping Beds and Planting everywhere March and April
 - 2024 Crops
 - First transplants are growing
 - Amendments have been calculated and ordered, arriving next week

D. Upcoming Fundraising Plans

• **Plant Sale Committee Updates**

- Ordered/Received: seedlings, plastics, tags, vermiculite, potting soil, azomite
- Potting Up Day - *March 21st, 4:30 @ Deer Valley Farm*
- Additional Committee Updates:

- *Looking for volunteers to grow transplants at their homes for the sale*
- *In the event of rain on May 4th, we will reschedule as soon as possible*
- *Keep eye on plants and consider adjusting sale date for best quality*

Empty Bowls

- Potter Pledge Sign Up Sheets are up in 3 studios. 50 bowls pledged
- Committee meetings beginning after plant sale, 5:00 prior to May Meeting
- Jamie Gray has begun rooting cutting for glass vase centerpieces

Merchandise Updates

- Hats are Here! 30 of each.
 - Size inventory on all shirts - enough for spring FA&B and plant sale?
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| YM - 7 | M - 16 | XXL - 1 |
| YL - 4 | L - 15 | XXXL - |
- 300 Temporary Tattoos and
 - 400 Seed Paper Have arrived

E. Organization Updates

- Project Safeway
 - Remaining Funds: \$2,800
 - Second concrete walkway with remaining budget, and/or handrail options for long walk
 - Loads of Mulch and wood chips (general funds)
 - Shed Shelving (organizing)
 - Bird House Installation post and hooks (beautification)
- Applied for Community Health Council Growing Together Grant for equipment needs
 - \$500 for Broadfork, shovel hoes, and push seeder
- Norris Park and Public Works
 - Public Works has major construction at Norris Park
 - Big tree dropping limbs by the field is down
 - Clubhouse and old golf maintenance shed demolished
 - New metal barn will be built - Ruff'ton Roots can use for storage
 - Getting as much as possible out of the clubhouse
 - Town applied for Dogwood Grant to build Ruff'ton Roots facility
 - Requesting for where we want to be, not where we are right now, more to come on this if granted.

F. Other Collaboration Discussions

- Spoke to Lions Club Meeting and St. Gabriel's Lenten Service last month, shared ways to get involved.

G. Open discussion, Adjourn.