

Ruff'ton Roots Community Garden Meeting

Ruff'ton Roots Community Garden, NC
Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, 2024 - 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. September Schedule

- Harvests: Tuesdays 9 am - harvest is back today!
- Washing and Packing: Tuesdays 10 am
- Distribution: Wednesdays 8 am (Lindy's got this)
- Garden Work Gatherings, 5:30 pm - 6:30/7:00 Will all be at Hospital Drive, aside from the last U-Pick Sunflowers this Thursday until Sweet Potato dig in October
- Will use Project Challenge to clean up Norris Park

Check Point and Facebook if weather is iffy about cancelation

C. August Harvest Record

- 622 lbs
- 349 servings
- \$1,368 value
- 233 volunteer hours
- Potato Totals - 1,113 lb

D. Fundraising

- Merch
 - Shopping Bag follow up - Jamie elected to oversee
 - T-shirt inventory/plans for hilltop - let inventory ride out 2024
- Sunflower Days
 - Last cut this Thursday, last sale at FA&B
- FA&B - September 6th, 5:45 - until safe to exit.
 - Launch Empty Bowls Ticket Sales - will have roster sheet, process tickets, have to write down info for every single sale!
 - Sell Sunflowers - Jamie, Carrie, Marie

- 3-4 Volunteers present throughout - sign up shifts on point
- **Hilltop Fall Fest Booth - October 5th , 10 am - 5 pm, setup by 9 am**
 - Plan - Engagement, Empty Bowls Boost and Merch
 - Reserving Merch for this event, not taking to FA&B
 - 3 - 4 Volunteers present throughout - sign up shifts on point
- **Empty Bowls 2024**
 - Committee Work for September:
 - Tickets on Sale
 - Restaurant Follow Up and Details
 - Food Orders - number crunch

E. Updates

- Last minute involvement with Taste of RuCo
- Invited to join committee for Kidsenses Garden project
 - Will have updates after Sept. 9th meeting, advising
 - Any work days will be open to RR volunteers, but not committing the group as a whole
- Potential Collaboration with St. Gabe - would be exchange, not committing the group as a whole
- ROC coming to October Meeting to discuss collaborations

F. Projects For Fall

- Purple Martin Pole fabrication order with C.F. Reece
- Select location for new shed and second concrete walkway with ramp, communicate to Public Works.
- Work out Free/Pay What You Can produce stand details with host site and start date for 2025
- Setting Permanent Beds in Plot 3
- Crop Plan, ordering asparagus crowns, more of Round in perennials
- Getting temporary shade structure at Norris
- Write Up for Intern for next summer

F. Open Discussion, Questions

G. Next Meeting October 1st:

- Hilltop Fest final plans
- Empty Bowls crunch time - numbers and schedules
- Color, size, location of shed
- ROC collaboration

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