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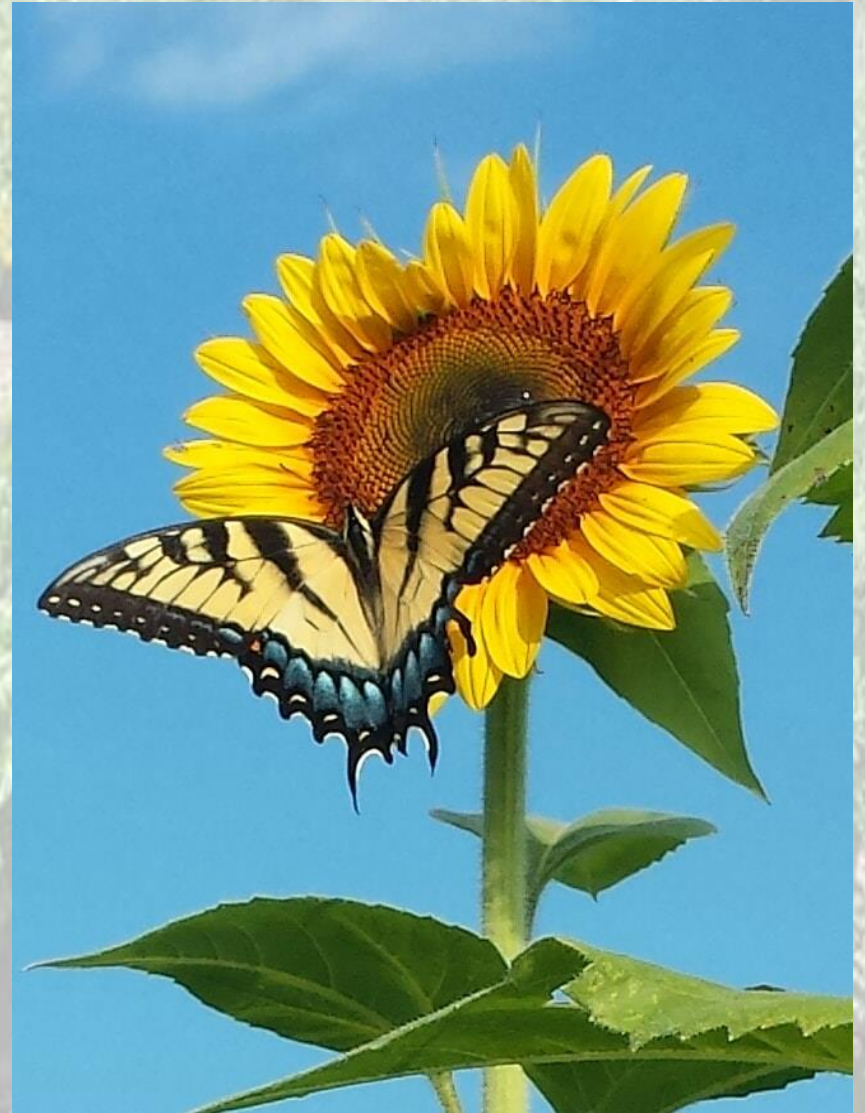
Somerset Community Garden

2019

The oldest community garden in Somerset – in our
10th year

Expectations

- HAVE FUN!!
- BE SAFE
- BE KIND
- BE RESPECTFUL
- LEARN NEW THINGS
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- CARE FOR YOUR PLOT
- HELP OUT



Hours and Season dates

- Dawn to Dusk
- First Saturday of May (May 4th) to October 31
- You must have something planted by June 1, or forfeit your plot
- **EVERYTHING** must be removed by October 31 – no exceptions!

Expected Volunteering 4/27 9am-3pm

- Initial plot layout and placing boundary stakes and string
- Initial laying down wood chip paths, hoses, fence repair
- Maintaining the paths by pulling weeds
- Pull weeds along the fence

Composting

Compost pile material:

- Spoiled vegetables
- Weeds
- Dirt
- Anything organic

Do not bring materials from home and place in the compost pile

Dumpster is church use only

Water

- No sprinklers
- Don't leave water running
- Don't change the head of the hose
- Be mindful and considerate

Fencing and Gate

- Keep gate closed at all times. Animals will come in!
- Report any damage to the fence so it can be quickly repaired. Contact :

John at haneyjc@comcast.net or 732-560-0909

Jeff at jeffersoncolburn@gmail.com

Maurice at mrosenstraus@hotmail.com

- If you see an animal, let us know and we will attempt to trap it

Tools

- Shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows are available
- Please return them to the wood chip pile
- Do not lay them against the fence
- Return wheelbarrows upside down

- Donations are gladly accepted

Weeds/Soil Health

- Keep your plot and path free from weeds
 - NO PESTICIDES
- Use organic fertilizers if possible
 - Mulch works wonders
- Weeding buddies
 - Schedule time

Prohibited Plants

- No strawberries
 - No asparagus
 - No ginger
 - No sweet potatoes
 - No perennials of any kind
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- Space issues, invasive species and perennials
 - Ask if unsure

Other Prohibited Items

- No buried material
- no buried plastic sheeting or landscape fabric
- no stone, concrete or brick paving material
- no buried wood or metal border material
- no hay bales, stained wood chips, or non-biodegradable garden material
- no large structures are to be constructed (wood, bamboo, metal, etc.)

Abandoned Plots

- If you decide to no longer participate in the garden please contact Denise at denisechang@hotmail.com
- Plots must be cleaned-up at end of season, otherwise the gardener will not be allowed to return
- If plots become overrun with weeds, the gardener will be notified and if not remedied within 2 weeks, the plot will be reassigned to a wait listed gardener

END OF SEASON

- All Materials Removed From Plot
- Organic materials should be placed in the compost pile during and at end of season
- Inorganic materials (stakes, poles, tomato cages) and tools need to be removed from premises at end of season (not inside or outside of the fence)
- Dumpsters are for Church Use Only

Other Offerings

- Gardening Classes
- Canning
- Pest Management
- Newsletter about current plant problems
- Sharing good pest management practices
- Garden Tours
- Suggestions?

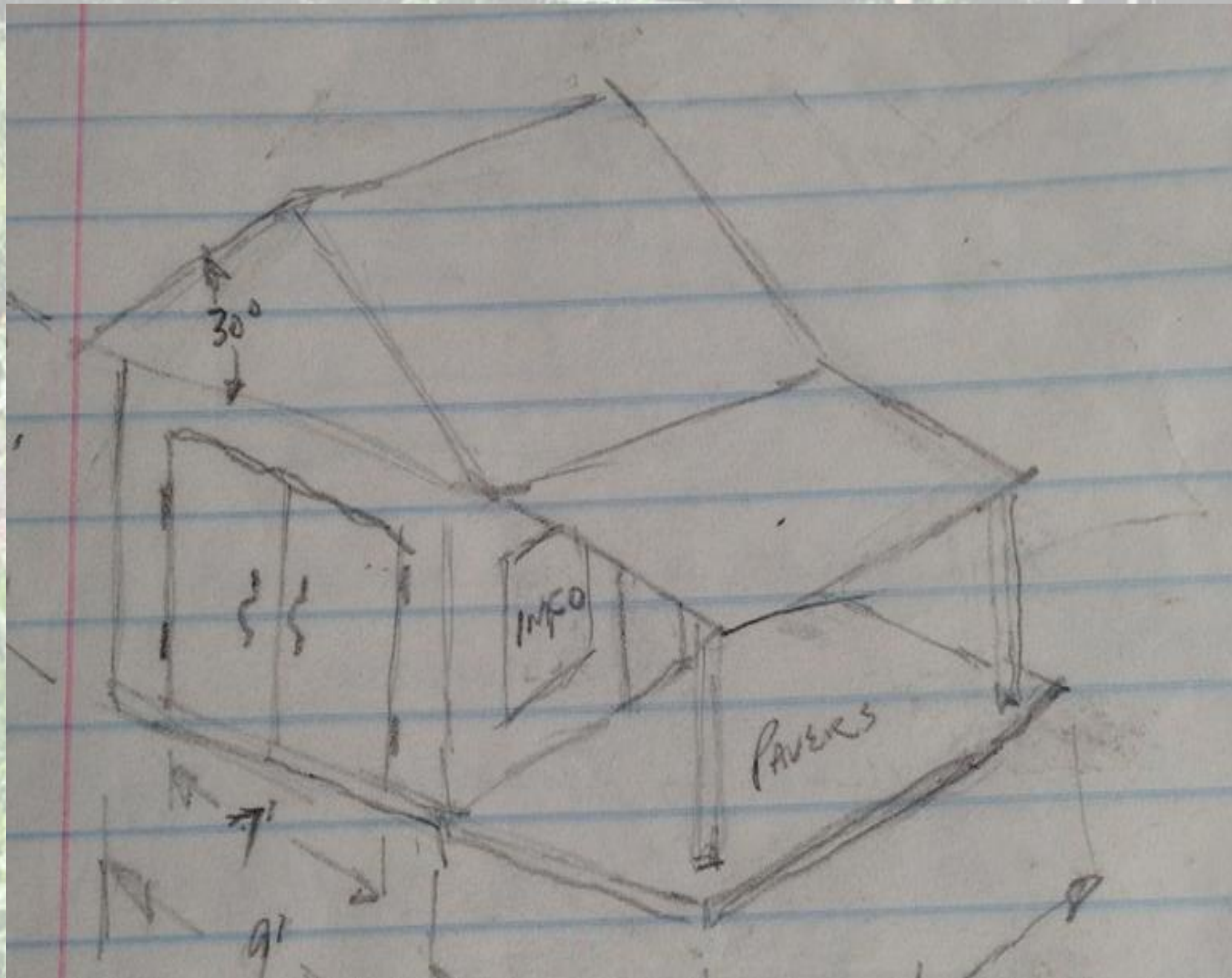


Handicapped Garden

- Currently six garden tables for wheelchair/walker access
- Currently one vertical garden, up to four more

Future Plans

- Perennial beds
- Greenhouse
- Fruit and berries
- More garden beds
- Mason/orchard bees/pollinators/ butterflies
- Crop share/ seed sharing
- Wildflowers
- Pot Luck/ recipe sharing
- Toolshed, information board, covered seating area



Additional Gardening Resources

- [All New Square Foot Gardening Book by Mel Bartholomew](#)
- <https://www.southernliving.com/garden/grumpy-gardener>
- <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/soil-testing-lab/how-to.php>
- <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.php?pid=fs450>
- <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs678/>
- <http://www.sfgplanner.com/#home>
- <http://theselfsufficientliving.com/list-of-medicinal-plants-to-grow-in-your-garden/>
- <https://urbangardenersrepublic.com/seed-starting-14-worst-mistakes/>
- <https://urbangardenersrepublic.com/how-to-start-a-flower-garden-from-scratch/>



Make a Friend!
&
Have Fun!

Contact plot coordinator (Denise Chang) or fill out the contact list tonight if you want your contact information to be shared for finding a watering or weeding buddy

Connect With Us

<https://www.facebook.com/SomersetCommunityGarden/>

www.SomersetCommunityGarden.org

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Local Supply Locations

- Bountiful Gardens, 135 US-206, Hillsborough Township, NJ 08844 (in Manville)
- Daisy Garden Center and Sculpture, 183 US-206, Hillsborough Township, NJ 08844
- Ambleside Gardens and Nursery, 834 US-206, Hillsborough Township, NJ 08844
- Blooms at Belle Meade, 1980 US-206, Belle Mead, NJ 08502
- Schwarz Gardens, 4355 NJ-27, Princeton, NJ 08540
- Madden's Greenhouse and Nursery, 4312 NJ-27, Princeton, NJ 08540
- Baumley Nursery and Landscaping, 4339 NJ-27, Princeton, NJ 08540
- Amato's Garden Center and Nursery, 47 Deans Rhode Hall Rd, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852
- Fama's Nursery and Landscaping, 1613 NJ-27, Somerset, NJ 08873
- Atlock Farm, 545 Weston Canal Rd, Somerset, New Jersey
- Rutgers Master Gardeners Plant Sale
- Coppola's Garden Center, 1600 New Durham Road, Plainfield

Other Events

- Plant Sale Contacts:
 - Rutgers Day April 27, 2019
 - Gaskos, 112 Federal Road, Monroe Twp.
 - Barton Nursery, 949 New Durham Rd., Edison
 - Lowes
 - Home Depot
- Amazon Smile – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Somerset
www.htlsomerset.org/amazonsmile

Somerset Community Garden Committee

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