



# Community Garden

at Community of Christ

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### Message from Executive Director and Social Media Director “Diane Barnett Peace Arboretum”

Did you know that Grateful Gardens has been around since December 2016?!

There is a great video on the website that chronicles our development over the past eight years. Click [here](#) to go to the About Us page of our website.

Our vision statement is to provide a green sustainable space for the community to restore their soul, build relationships, and explore their unique potential. A place where all are welcome, all are loved, and all are worthy. We have achieved quite a bit of that vision.

One of the projects we have been working on is a peace pole garden. Karen had the original vision of a garden filled with art that would inspire the soul. The project began with Diane and her daughter-in-law Lori. After Diane’s unexpected passing in 2021 this vision has grown, and we have now named it the “Diane Barnett Peace Arboretum”.

We are hopeful that the arboretum fulfills the idea of a garden filled with art which inspires and fills the soul.

Many of you may not have known Diane but she had a passion for peace! She felt a distinct call from God to create a Children’s Peace Pavilion at her home church congregation in Fremont CA. It took several years, lots of education and help from others but she was finally able to bring to Fremont a satellite of the original Children’s [Peace Pavilion](#) located in Missouri. Through the Fremont Children’s Peace Pavilion, she and the volunteers were able to touch many lives of all ages. She was deeply involved in various community and religious organizations, holding board seats on several.

The idea of creating peace in our world is a very difficult concept. The Diane Barnett Peace Arboretum will have four exhibits based on the basic concepts of the Peace Pavilion (Peace for me, Peace for us, Peace for everyone and Peace for the planet). We hope these concepts will help people explore ideas around peace.

We have an opportunity to share with each other our hopes, dreams, and worries. As a community we can explore what it means to create peace.

If you are interested in creating a peace pole, please contact us for further information and instructions.

Lori Barnett, Social Media Director and  
Karen Marshall.



“Gardening is cheaper than therapy, and you get tomatoes.” *Anonymous*

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Do you have garden questions, newsletter ideas OR have some free time? Check with Collette or Karen about projects that could use your help. please send an email to [gratefulgardenssj@gmail.com](mailto:gratefulgardenssj@gmail.com)

Thanks to [www.kelloggsgarden.com](http://www.kelloggsgarden.com) for much of the information in this month’s newsletter.

### ORGANIC GARDENING

We are an organic community garden.  
Please use only OMRI approved products including soil amendments, fertilizers, and pest control products.



### Kudos and FYI’s

“Please do not feed the chickens. They are on a special diet”



Garden Manager - Collette

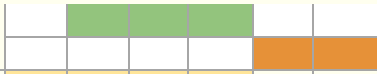
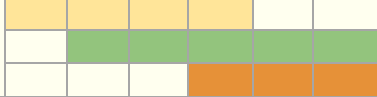
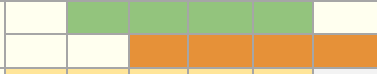
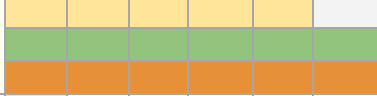
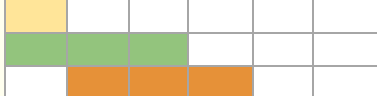
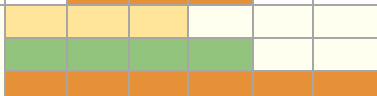
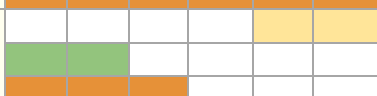
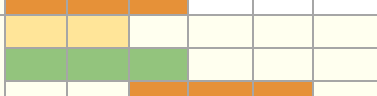
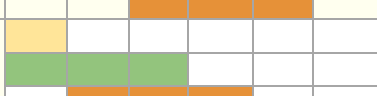
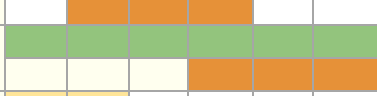
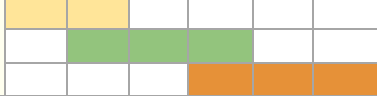
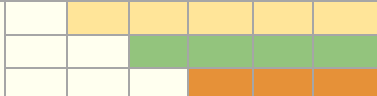
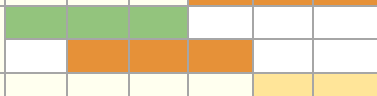
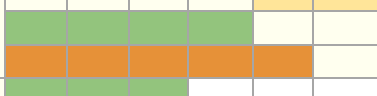
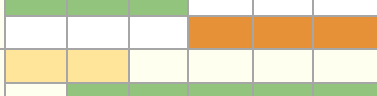
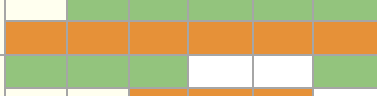
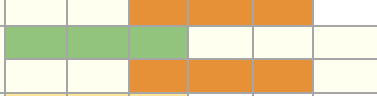

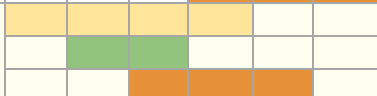
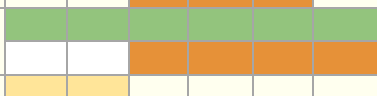
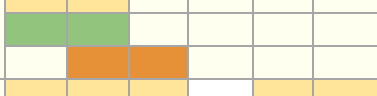
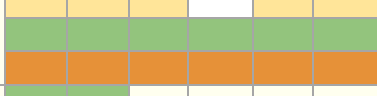

## Gardening Hints and Tips

- May is a great time to plant warm-season vegetables like beans, melons and squash. You can plant most summer vegetables now, like tomatoes and peppers.
- Stay on top of weeds at least every other day if you can. Pull them out by the roots to prevent further growth. Also, check for insect pests and fungal problems.
- Read more at Gardening Know How: May Gardening Tasks – Things To Do In California Gardens  
<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/garden-by-region/general/may-tasks-california.htm>

### May – July Vegetable/Herb/Fruit Guide



Plant	Sow Seeds	Plant Plants	Harvest				NOTES
	Seeds		MAY	JUN	JUL		
Artichoke			Green	Green			
Arugula			Orange	Green	Orange	Orange	
Asparagus		Transplant	Orange	Orange	Green	Green	Dig trench 12-18" wide and 6-8 " deep. Loosen soil deeper for best results.
Beans			Green	Orange	Green	Orange	
Beets			Orange	Green	Orange	Orange	
Bell Peppers		Transplant	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Ideal Temp 80-90 degrees
Broccoli	Direct Sow	Transplant	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Select a variety best suited to your climate that will mature before hot weather begins.
Brussel Sprouts		Transplant	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Long growing season. Flavor improves with light frost.
Cabbage	Direct Sow	Transplant	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Cooler season crop
Carrots			Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	
Cauliflower	Direct Sow	Transplant	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Brassica family.
Celery		Transplant	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Thin to 10-12 inches when seedlings have 3-4 true leaves.
Collards			Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	
Corn			Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	
Cucumbers	Direct Sow	Transplant	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Consider growing vertically on support structures.
Edamame			Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	
Eggplant		Transplant	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Transplant to garden or container.
Endive			Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	
Fava Beans			Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	

Garlic				
Gourds	Direct Sow	Transplant		Plant in hills that are well-spaced.
Green Beans				
Horseradish		Transplant		Plant root cuttings 18 inches apart in trenches 3 to 4 inches deep.
Kale	Direct Sow	Transplant		Brassica family
Leeks		Transplant		Onion family
Lettuce	Direct Sow	Transplant		Plant in succession
Okra		Transplant		Soak seeds overnight before planting.
Onions		Transplant		
Parsnips	Direct Sow			Direct sow 1" apart in wide rows. Thin to 3-4".
Potatoes		Transplant		Give potato seeds a head start by pre-sprouting or chitting them before planting.
Pumpkins	Direct Sow	Transplant		
Radishes	Direct Sow			Plant in succession.
Rhubarb		Transplant		Possible to plant from seed, but less successful. Planting rhizomes recommended. Heavy feeders.
Rutabagas	Direct Sow			Directly sow 1-2" apart in wide rows. Thin to 8 inches
Shallots	Direct Sow	Transplant		Onion family
Snap Peas	Direct Sow			Plant in succession. Use support structure.
Soybean	Direct Sow			
Spinach	Direct Sow	Transplant		Plant in succession for continual harvest.
Squash	Direct Sow	Transplant		Consider growing on support structure.
Sweet Potatoes		Transplant		Grown from slips, not seeds. 50 Sprouts per slip. Wider spacing produces larger sweet potatoes.
Swiss Chard	Direct Sow	Transplant		Plant in succession.
Tomatoes		Transplant		May require staking. Transfer to bed or planter.
Turnips				

Turnips	Direct Sow			
Zucchini	Direct Sow	Transplant		Plant 3-4 seeds per mound 4 inches high.
Basil	Direct Sow	Transplant		Grown for its leaves which are used as a herb
Catnip	Direct Sow			Strong scent. Pink or white flowers
Chives	Direct Sow	Transplant		Onion family. Long hollow leaves. Cut six to eight inches from the top of the plants. This allows vigorous growth throughout the season.
Cilantro (Slow Bolt)	Direct Sow			Soft leafy herb with small whitish-pink flowers in clusters
Coriander	Direct Sow			Parsley family. Small green leaves.
Dill	Direct Sow			Aromatic blueish green plant with feathery leaves.
Fennel	Direct Sow			Hollow stems and feathery foliage.
Goldenrod	Direct Sow	Transplant		Plumes of fluffy yellow flowers. Attracts beneficial insects.
Lavender	Direct Sow	Transplant		Purple flowers. Direct sow spring or summer. Wound and digestive remedies. The herb can be harvested in the summer when just coming into flower (now) and can be dried for later use. The roots can be dug and boiled for a salad as they are starchy with a nutty taste.
Lavender (French - Purple Ribbon)	Direct Sow	Transplant		Bush - Blue flowers. Mint family, Medicinal anti-viral, attracts pollinators
Lavender Lavandula vera	Direct Sow	Transplant		Purple/ blue Flowers. Mint family, Medicinal anti-viral, attracts pollinators
Lemon Balm	Direct Sow	Transplant		Lovely lemon scented leaves, Quick to self-propagate.
Marjoram		Transplant		Oval or round leaves on woody stems. Used in cooking and medicinally. Start seeds indoors.
Mint		Transplant		Aromatic green leaves. Quick to self-propagate
Mustard	Direct Sow			Produces billows of tiny, four-petaled yellow flowers. Brassica family. Consider staking plants.
Oregano		Transplant		Aromatic, dark green leaves/white, pink, purple flowers. Mint Family
Parsley	Direct Sow	Transplant		Aromatic dark green leaves/ yellow flowers. Carrot family
Roselle (Red) Hibiscus sabdariffa		Transplant		Tall, tropical, red and green shrub/ cranberry taste. Produces when days get shorter
Rosemary		Transplant		Fragrant, small pine needle-like leaves. Mint Family. Slow to germinate with 30% success rate.
Sage	Direct Sow	Transplant		Aromatic shrub with silvery leaves and purple flowers. Thin and transplant when 2 true sets of leaves are present.
Stevia	Direct Sow	Transplant		Aromatic herb used as a natural sweetener. Pair with Thyme and Marjoram.

Tarragon	Direct Sow	Transplant		Tender and leafy, aromatic herb. Start seeds indoors. Low light. Room temperature.
Thyme		Transplant		Small aromatic shrub with woody stems. Mint family. Thinly scatter seeds and sprinkle with soil.
Blackberries		Transplant		Stratify seeds. Once seedlings are 4 inches in height, they can be planted outdoors.
Blueberries		Transplant		Start seeds in trays for later transplant.
Cantaloupes	Direct Sow	Transplant		Direct sow 2-3 seeds per hill.
Currants		Transplant		Stratify seeds. When seedlings germinate, transplant them from seed flat into pots.
Grapes		Transplant		Plant seedling vines 6-10 feet apart.
Honeydew	Direct Sow	Transplant		Direct sow 2-3 seeds per hill.
Raspberries		Transplant		
Strawberries		Transplant		Plant in mounded rows.
Watermelon	Direct Sow	Transplant		Direct sow 2-3 seeds per hill.

## Milpitas Food Pantry

**EXTRA VEGGIES?** If you have extra veggies, consider donating to a food pantry!

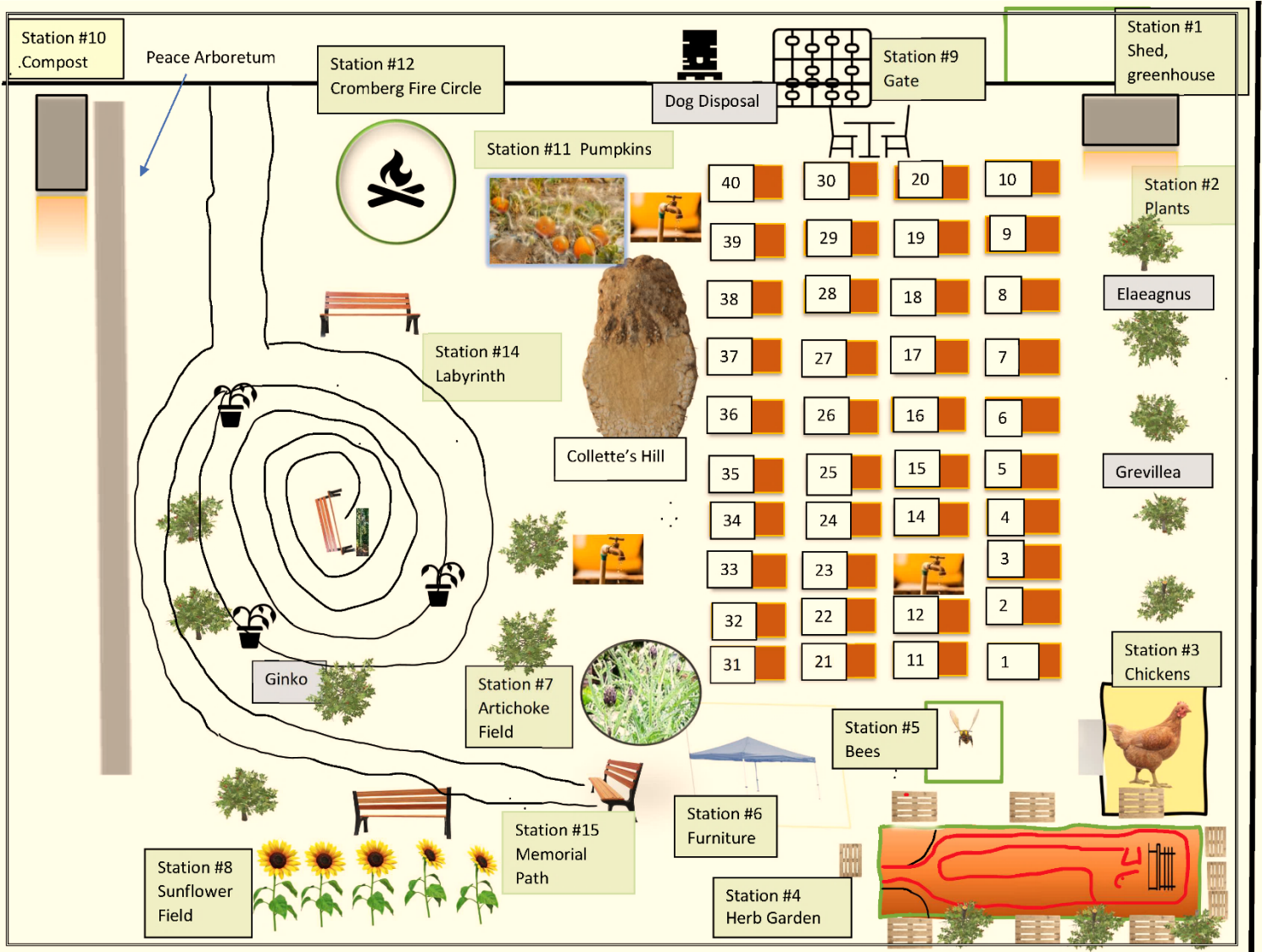
Marcia works at Milpitas Food Pantry and can pick up extra produce Monday and Wednesday evenings. If you are interested, she can be reached at the following number 408.892.8924.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*The garden has many volunteer opportunities. **Following is a map and legend of the stations** within the garden. The volunteer would adopt the station and maintain the area. We'll be sharing more detailed information about this on the website.*

# Grateful Gardens Map & Legend



- Station 1:** Shed and surrounding area – **Time:** 1-2 hours per week
- Station 2:** Elaeagnus, Grevillea bushes – **Time:** 1-2 hours per week
- Station 3:** Chickens – **Time:** 5-6 hours per week
- Station 4:** Herb Garden – **Time:** 2-3 hours per week
- Station 5:** Bees – Bees need specialized care by knowledgeable staff
- Station 6:** Furniture, Pop up – **Time:** varies based on project
- Station 7:** Artichoke Field – **Time:** 2-3 hours per week
- Station 8:** Sunflower field – **Time:** 2-3 hours per week
- Station 9:** Gate – **Time:** 2-3 hours per week
- Station 10:** Compost – **Time:** 4-6 hours per week
- Station 11:** Pumpkin field – **Time:** 2-3 hours per week
- Station 12:** Cromberg Fire Circle – **Time:** 2-3 hours per week
- Station 14:** Labyrinth – **Time:** 3-5 hours per week
- Station 15:** Memorial Path – **Time:** 1-2 hours per week

