

## Community Garden Newsletter and Fall Events for 2009!

Hello fellow Community Gardeners!

You all did a beautiful job this summer in the gardens! It was so beautiful to see such participation and progress! I hope you also enjoyed it! You are all responsible for helping to make this community garden a great success!

A big thank you as well to our wonderful summer student Jean Guy Guindon for all his help!

Thank you to the Nepisiquit Chaleur Solid Waste Commission for the compost bins, the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation for our new sign, the RBC Blue Water grant for the rain water collector and the City of Bathurst for their continuing support and partnership on this great initiative!

**Winter Rye and Tilling the Garden:** Robin LeBlanc, is our new Assistant Coordinator at BSD. He is a biologist, teacher and gardener. He says our soil could be greatly improved by also planting winter rye. So we have purchased the rye and would like to spread it by September 21. We then will have the garden tilled again in the spring. This will mean that any vegetables or plants you still have in your garden beds will have to be removed by September 20 please.

Please also remember not to put weeds in the compost bin. You can either take them with you or you can pile them on the ground in front of the compost bins and we will collect them.

**Shed:** If you have trellises, hoes or poles you used in the garden and you plan to have a bed next season you can store them over the winter in the shed.

**Garden Fees Refund:** I have already returned garden fees to some of the gardeners since you so nicely cleaned up your beds and removed the plants and weed. If you have not received your fees back from me yet, you can drop into the Climate Change Action Center to obtain it or when we bump into each other again I will give it to you.

Here are some upcoming events and activities you might be interested in attending! Please note that the October 7 Composting Workshop will be held at the Community Garden! It will be a great time to give tours to citizens and encourage more gardeners for next year!

**Garden Registrations for Summer 2010:** We are now accepting garden registrations for next summer. We are offering first opportunities to our current gardeners. There are several new beds in the new section behind the sun flowers that are available for next year and we hope to get the funding this winter to build 4 raised wooden beds for people with mobility challenges in the area in front of the compost piles. If you would like a garden bed (s) for next year please go into the Action Center and fill out your registration form and pay your fees to secure your spot! I am attaching the registration form for you.

## Upcoming Activities and Events

**September 22:** Canadian Tomato Project Presentation- Seeds of Diversity and Seed Saving! Now is the time to save your seeds! Session from 7-8:30pm save your seeds! Sampling of heritage tomatoes! Session is Bilingual. Door prizes !

**Le 22 sept.:** Présentation du projet de la tomate canadienne- Semences du patrimoine et conservation des semences! C'est maintenant le temps de conserver vos semences! Séance, conserver vos semences, de 19h à 20h 30! Dégustations des tomates du patrimoine! La séance est bilingue. Prix de présence!

**September 30:** Workshop on Home Canning, Drying and Preserving Foods! 7-9pm. Free samples! Session is Bilingual. Door Prizes!

**Le 30 Sept.:** Atelier sur les conserves maison, le séchage et la conservation des aliments! 19h- 21h. Échantillons gratuits! La séance est bilingue. Prix de présence!

**October 7:** Composting Workshop at the Victoria Park Community Garden- 2-4pm! Please bring your own lawn chair! Composters will be sold at discounted prices! Session is Bilingual Door prizes and refreshments!

**Le 7 oct.:** Atelier de compostage au jardin communautaire du Parc Victoria- 14h- 16h S.V.P. apportez vos chaises! Les composteurs seront vendus à des prix de rabais! La séance est bilingue. Prix de présence et rafraîchissements!