

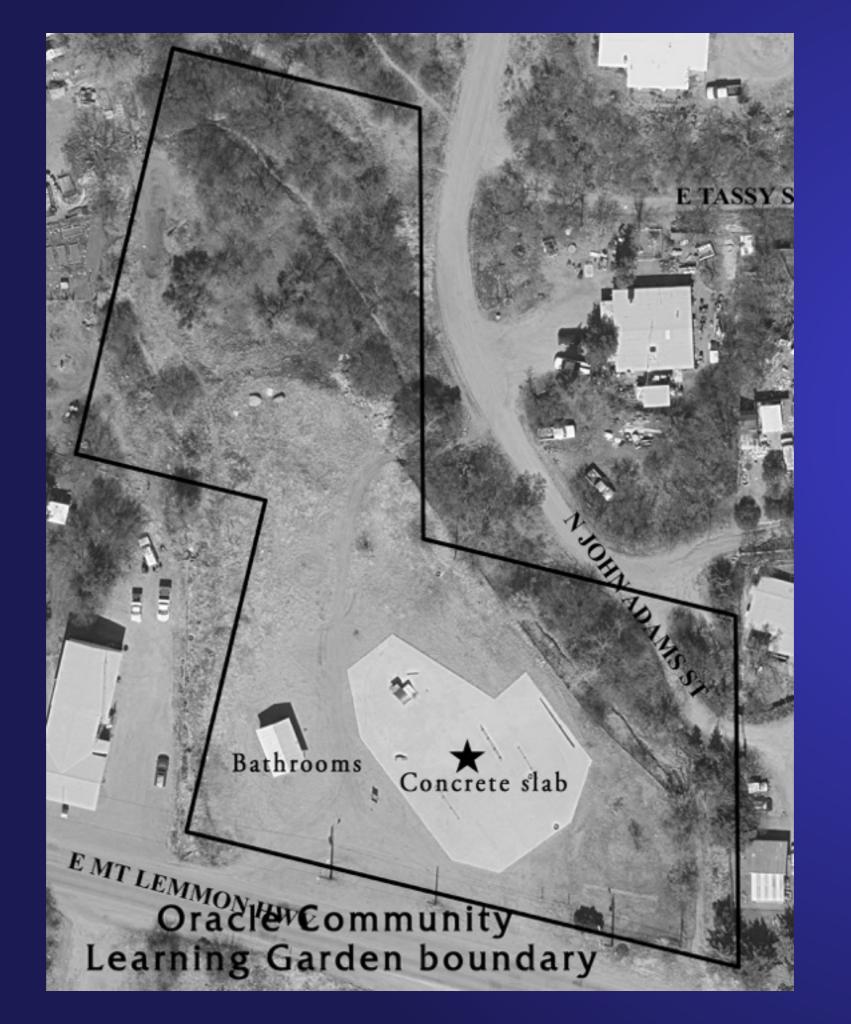
Oracle Community Learning Garden OCLG

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History - the land, the garden
State of Affairs - mission, non-profit
status, completing the lease,
partners, community building
Planning the garden





Second community meeting: What do you want to see at the garden?

- » Individual garden plots
- » Large, shared garden space
- » Garden for children to grow food for their school lunches
- » Community Compost club
- » Herb and medicinal plant garden
- » Greenhouse and aquaponics system
- » Native plants garden
- » Water catchment system
- » Pollinator garden
- » Wheelchair accessible garden beds
- » Area for hanging out shuffleboard, hopscotch

Workshop ideas

Soil preparation How to compost/vermicompost Music for gardening Warmup exercises for gardeners How our garden labor can strengthen us How to plan your garden From garden to table: how to prepare your bountiful harvest Attracting pollinators Seed saving How to market your produce Mulches Heirlooms, hybrids, open pollination and GMOs Putting food by Irrigation systems, water catchments, efficient water use Companion planting



Third community meeting: Envision your dream garden

















Got extra tools?

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*Welcome to the Carden!

Welcome to the Inaugural newsletter of the Oracle Community Learning Gardeni Heartfelt thanks go out to our community members, volunteers, and sporsors who are helping to make this vision spring forward. Our Mission Statement says it all: The Oresti Convenestly Learning Continrouldes apportunities for education, freel production, and growing a strong commandy. This newsletter will keep you updated on monthly garden activities and opportunities and related community events.

While Chacle has lots of successful and knowledgeable ganteners, the Community Carden gives us all a charge to



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learn from their experience. They can share their tried and but methods with other members who are just be giving to gorden, or who recently moved to this area. And we can experiment together with new methods, new plant varieties, and new ways to prepare the garden bounty. As our garden grows, we will harvest nutritious, locally grown food for the community. In addition to planting and growing in the soil, we will host educational programs on a variety of gorden related issues specific to our area. And finally, it will be a peaceful and delightful gathering place. for the community, gardeners and non-gardeners alike.

Garden Notes for Yebruary

the have some well-seasoned gurdeners in Chacle who are willing to share their focal knowledge and experiences with sa A swinch permestione, Euroy Europi's one of the best she's been gardening veggies. Ask nees, grapes, herboand flowers in Ospole for 17 years. Here she shares information about starting seeds, gunden maintenance, and princing.

In February I start seeds of the plants that I file to eat, both rops, indoors. I recycle

classic bours - the overs that lettuce and other greens come in from the supermarket as a mini greenhouse. It works great forme. Add soil to About 3/4 to 1/2 inch from the top, lust the Intryew's union ended law nitrogen sol from the garden and the only reason I line

lownitragen is it's had 4 or more plantings from the previous year. You can also buy armix that's especially for growing seedings, or mix your own out of 1/2 fine coco coir and 1/2 worm-castings

for odd season plants you can just sprivile ample seeds on the soil and ones there in The warm season of an Isshould only have 6-8 seeds per container. Fince the boxes in a nice warn south windower setup growlights over a shelf making sure to leave a little space between the top and bottom of the box for air directation.

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VEGGIES TO PLANT IN PERRUARY

Cold season reggies

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Summer squark* Them grow better for me if (direct seeds here when the soil

Note: Burny's elevation is 4020 feet the tomic collecte in Cracle timing for planting and anatheranian

and airtemperatures were up-

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Plant the cold season starts in the garden as soon as they are about 2 Ginches tall with their first set or second set of real leaves (5-4 w/s), depending on the weather. Keep some of the soil on their roots when you towaplant. disturbing their root systems as little as possible. In february, some plants such as beets, carrols, radishes and pararips, do less if they are directly seeded into the standen.

Tomato seeds of any bindineally like moint heat to perminate. I'll keen them in the containers for amonthor so, then transplant to individual

pots. Same with the outes, eggplant & summer squarkers. Theyen't water & too much space! When I did do them, it was direct sow of seed in March, Lalso like to-direct. sow the oxives and soughes in March. All of the timing is subject to weather conditions.



While the seeds are sprouting. I clean up the gorden beds. removing formato plant carcinoses and other coarse material. I add compost, coco-coir or peat moss and any other amendments to help with water retention. My native soil a which is the base of my garden beds a drains too fast. w/out add tions of organic materials every year.

When the garden beds are ready, I prior where the starts will go when they are ready to go outside. I plant borage.



I finsh puning the huit trees (started at the beginning of Jenuary) by mid-february. Lalso prune

grape in es and fig trees, outing timmings into 4.5 inch sticks to root them to make more grape in es and fig trees.

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GARDEN TALK

Newsletter of the Cracle Inc. (OCLG)

OCLG is a voluntary group of local residents, busine and organizations interest in a center devoted to gardening in Oracle.

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Out and About

If you have a business that is related to gardening and you would like us to help spread the word about it, email Sympore@gmail.com with a brief description and your contact

WORMS! - Vermillion Wormery is still around in case you are wondering. And, if you have not heard about it, here's the good news. Around now for 6 years, it offers red



wiggler worms that turn your kitchen food scraps into castings. These enrich your garden (or potted plant) soil by loading it up on nicroorganisms that make it healthy and able to hold

'It all started with the idea of eening Oracle as a place where all waste would be recycled," says Linda Lengh, "The original idea has yet to materialize, but worms are a great start toward this ideal."

To learn more or to obtain worms, contact Linda at www.vermillioneomery.com. She also sells vegetable and herb plant starts that are appropriate for this area at local Farmers' Markets. Special discount for Oracle friends and neighbors! - Joan Moore



Steps toward planting the first seed! Yippee!!

- Business plan organize as non-profit or with a fiscal sponsor
- Design and layout of the space
- Complete budget
- Fencing
- Deal with Bermuda grass
- · Irrigation design and installation
- Soil tests
- Locate funding and materials and in-kind services to be donated
- Get commitment from people who will volunteer



Celebration!



Celebrate

- » Learning to grow our own food
- » Provide food to local people who need it
- » Sell produce at farmers' markets and local restaurants

Challenges

- » Is there enough community interest, and how do we sustain it over 10 years?
- » Where is startup funding coming from, and how do we apply for it?
- » Long term goals and funds to support them

Greenhouse Partnership?

What are the possibilities for partnering with NRCD and CAC?

What are the goals, expectations, timing?

How big is the greenhouse(s?)?

Can it pay for itself or make a profit in the first few years?

What programs/classes can be supported?