

# Maple Community Garden Mail

## Organic Urban Gardening

### Kudos

To Andrew who is once again coming to our aid, this time by repairing Marg's bench which was somehow damaged. Andrew assisted by Karen, have sourced an appropriate piece of wood for the job from the beach, and the bench should be back in service soon.

### What to plant

Though the season is starting to come to a close, corn salad, cress, mustard, scallions, endive, radicchio and radish are all still viable if planted now. If you are looking for something fresh for early Winter, it is recommended to start spinach indoors now for transplanting in a covered bed in October.

We've been informed that UBC Farm has a wonderful series of programs with lots of sessions on different types of plants, gardening, beekeeping and food fermentation and preparation. Of particular note is the September 11th session entitled "Putting your garden to bed for the winter" designed to teach techniques for over-winter soil building, soil protection and pest and disease prevention. Details can be found on [their website](#).



### From your Executive

Happy August dear gardeners; only one short month left of the Summer of 2019, making each and every day seem extra precious. The gardens are spectacular and the abundance of gorgeous organic food and flowers is joyous to see.

Our biggest upcoming event is the Fall AGM on Sunday September 22nd (not the 23rd as incorrectly listed in the minutes). Though traditionally we've much lower attendance for the Fall AGM, it is an important event for our community, and your participation is greatly appreciated. One of our main desires for the meeting is to find a way to make the communal gardening process simpler and more efficient. Your exec will be coming with a proposal as a jumping off place for discussion. In preparation for the event, your exec will be holding its pre-AGM meeting the first week of the month. Please let us know if any of you have an item that you would like us to put on the agenda beforehand.



You might recall the beautiful poppy garden by the sidewalk on Maple. We've had a request for drought tolerant plants for the space. All donations - as well as thoughts on design - are welcome. It would be wonderful if one or a few gardeners cared to adopt the garden in our name.

On multiple occasions this season, garden waste bags containing soil and rocks were put by the curb. This creates problems for the city and therefore for our community. Only clippings can go in these bags. If you see anyone putting anything else in, please inform them that this is not allowed.

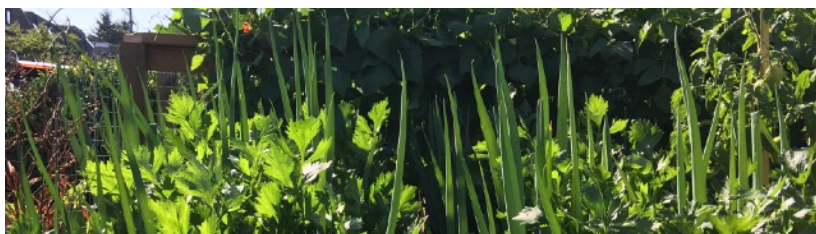
The fabulous Janet – who does so much for us – has requested a Rubbermaid tote with a lid to store work party items in the tool shed. The size needed to store bags is 24" x 16" x 8.75" and she has had no luck finding one. Any assistance with this quest would be greatly appreciated.

The disappointing news is that your exec has received a report of a raid on kale from a gardener's plot. There is of course nothing that we can do about it, but it's good to keep in mind that it's prudent to harvest what's easy to eat regularly.

By the time of this writing, everyone should have received notice from their section heads regarding the status of their work party commitment. Note that there are just three work parties left, so be sure not to miss the remaining ones if you are still short. For those who have already completed theirs, thank you, and never forget that we are always happy to have you with us for more. These last two are important as we begin our transition with the seasons. The next work parties are Monday Aug. 26th from 18:30-20:30 and Sunday Sept. 8th from 10-noon. We hope to see many of you there.

May we all garden in peace, share love and kindness, and always find a friend in each other dear community gardeners,

your Maple Community Garden Exec.



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## Wish List for 2020

The biggest project for next season will be the completion of the fences. We are aware that there are other needs as well and so are asking all gardeners to let us know what their wish list for the garden is for consideration. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful feedback.

## Climate and Gardens



Dan Jason of Salt Spring Seeds fame has penned a new book entitled *Changing the Climate with the Seeds We Sow*. It discusses agriculture's role in anthropocentric climate change and seed choices that are "nutritious, energizing, time-tested, earth-friendly and beautiful. Illustrated with water-colours by Lyn Alice, it is available through his [on-line store](#).