

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF GROWING
A GARDEN AND A COMMUNITY



2024

NEWSLETTER

What a great year 2024 has been for Eden Garden. We were able to accomplish so much. We hope that you can celebrate with us. If you want to be added to the Eden notification & reminder list, contact:

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COMPOST HUB

Thanks to a collaboration between the Eden Garden, StopWaste, Crosswinds Church, and the City of Livermore, we now have a compost hub located on the Crosswinds property! Anyone can collect free, organic compost and take as much as they need. Use it on your vegetables and flowers or as a mulch. The compost hub is located next to the Crosswinds sign with the water feature on the frontage road adjacent to the 580 freeway.



FRUIT TREE CAGE

Thanks to a generous grant from the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club, we are in the process of building a large fruit tree cage to protect our fruit from rodents and birds. Given our rural setting, we see more than our fair share of critters and they take more than their fair share of the harvest! The frame has been constructed and the next step will be to add the wire mesh. A huge thanks to Bill Tallon and Graham Stott who have spent hours on this project.



WINTER GARDEN

We slow down for the winter, but **WE DO NOT STOP!** We will be working in the Garden on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. Much of the winter crops (cabbage, broccoli, kale, lettuce, Asian greens, etc.) are already planted, and the last of the summer crops will be pulled out soon and cover crops planted in their place. We will also be growing garlic and onions through the winter for harvest in June. Winter also allows one to catch up on garden maintenance and tidy up. We hope you can join us!



TWO EDEN GARDENERS ATTEND 6-WEEK COMPOSTING CLASS.

Roger Morin and Mike Tomin attended a 6 week compost class hosted by StopWaste. This class is by invitation only so we are glad they made the cut! They both say the class has been very worthwhile and very informative. We now consider them our Master Composters!



KINDNESS PROJECT

We have teamed up with the Kindness Project in Livermore. The Kindness Project provides bouquets to people who appreciate having their day brightened by lovely flowers, such as people in nursing homes. A group comes to the garden once a week and harvests flowers from our garden, which they then take to the Kindness Project to add to the bouquet. We are so glad to participate in this food for the soul.

The Kindness Flower Project finished its second growing season in last October 2024.

This season almost 30 regular volunteers worked in the garden, harvested, arranged, and delivered 1897 flower arrangements in vases to about 25 organizations including:



- 7 senior affordable housing complexes
- 17 Livermore schools & the District Office
- the Livermore Police Department
- Shepherd's Gate
- the Culinary Angels
- 7 board & care homes
- 3 healthcare & rehabilitation facilities
- 2 Assisted Living & Memory Care facilities
- Senior Services at the Recreation Center,
- 3 Grief & Dementia Caregiver Support Groups
- the Veterans and Stanford/ValleyCare Hospitals
- the Tri-Valley Food Pantry,
- Camp Arroyo summer program



Most of the annual flowers were grown from seed in an urban home garden. During the heat of the summer when there were fewer flowers, the Kindness Flower Project was grateful for the contributions of flowers and foliage from volunteers' gardens and from Eden Garden.

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