

Many Hands

Occasional Newsletter of the Port Royal
Community Garden

Spring 2004

Community Garden Calendar:

- Manure Delivery Friday, April 23rd
- Clean-up Weekend Sat & Sun, April 24th & 25th
- Queensborough Day Sunday, May 30th noon to 4 pm
- Urban Farmers Fall Fair Sunday, September 19th
10 am to 4 pm
- Community Garden Meeting (October) date TBA



Personification of Spring

Many Thanks to...

Cathy Kluthe, Community Garden Chair, and Stuart Nichol, Community Garden Treasurer, who both served the garden in their capacities for the past 2 years.

And thanks to the current crop of volunteers:

Community Garden Co-Chairs:

Natalie Gauvreau and Joanne Velmeulem

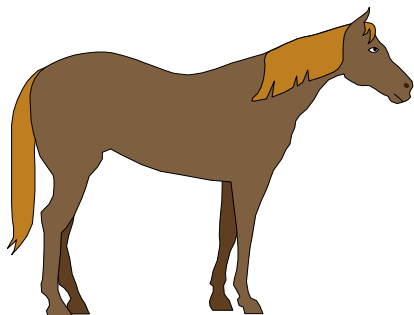
Treasurer: Joan Forbes

Newsletter: Douglas & Karen Justice

Queensborough Day: Susanne Schroeder

Urban Farmers Fall Fair: Kim Toews and Nicole Huey

Don't forget that **Saturday, April 24th** is a big day in the community garden. Bring a spare wheelbarrow



and shovel if you have them. Manure delivery is scheduled for Friday, and Saturday would be an excellent day to **s p r e a d** it around!

"Many hands make light work"

Catch-Cropping — by Bob Flowerdew

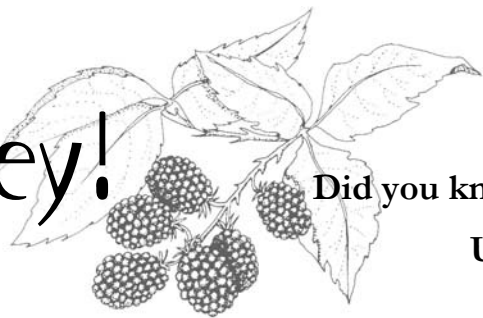
Intercropping and catch-cropping are ways to get more out of a small plot, and are made easier if as many plants as possible are raised in seedbeds or in pots, though some, such as root vegetables, have to be sown direct. The idea is that many crops, especially the slower growing ones, do not need all the space available to them all the time.

Catch-cropping uses the quickest-growing crops, such as radishes, baby turnips and lettuces to fill space before another crop is ready for planting or before it has grown very big. Intercropping is combining two crops together. When a main crop has grown large, but still leaves some ground spare, or when it is standing waiting to be used (as with cabbages), another crop can be grown in between. When the main crop is lifted, the second crop is already established and rapidly grows to fill the space available. Care must be taken not to overdo this, as crowding will give poorer results, and crops will compete as badly as weeds unless the spacing and timing are well controlled.

From *The Organic Gardener*, by Bob Flowerdew, 1993, Reed International Books Ltd., London



Hey!



Did you know that blackberries are the theme for this year's
Urban Farmers Fall Fair?

Quick Reference Chart	light shade			weather			garden			# of days to germinate	Uses			Harvest Time				Special Characteristics			
	sun	tolerates	lime	warm	cool	winter	direct seed	transplants	roots or tubers		fresh	frozen	pickled	spring	summer	fall	winter	usually pest free	perennial	ornamental	presprout
Asparagus	•	•			•		•		•	14	•	•		•			•	•	•		
Beans	•			•			•			7	•	•		•	•					•	
Beets	•	•			•		•		•	10	•	•	•	•	•		•				
Broad Beans	•				•		•			7	•	•		•							
Broccoli	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	10	•	•		•	•	•					
Brussels Sprouts	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	10	•	•				•	•			•	
Cabbage	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	10	•		•	•	•	•					
Carrot	•	•			•		•		•	8	•	•	•		•	•	•				
Cauliflower	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	10	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Celery	•	•		•			•	•	•	21	•			•	•						
Corn	•			•			•	•	•	7	•	•		•	•						
Cucumber	•			•			•	•	•	7	•		•	•						•	
Eggplant	•			•				•		14	•			•				•			
Endive	•	•			•		•	•	•	10	•		•		•						
Jerusalem Artichoke	•				•				•	-	•			•	•		•	•			
Kale	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	10		•		•	•	•	•		•		
Kohlrabi	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	12	•	•		•	•		•				
Leeks	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	10	•			•	•		•				
Lettuce	•	•			•		•	•	•	7	•		•	•	•		•		•		
Melon	•			•				•		7	•			•	•		•				
Onion	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	10	•		•	•	•		•				
Parsnip	•	•			•		•			18	•			•	•		•				
Peas	•	•			•		•			7	•	•		•						•	
Pepper	•			•				•		10	•	•		•	•		•		•		
Potato	•			•				•		14	•			•	•		•			•	
Radish	•	•	•		•		•			7	•		•	•	•		•				
Rhubarb	•				•			•		-	•	•		•	•		•	•	•		
Rutabaga	•	•	•	•			•			10	•	•			•		•				
Spinach	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	8	•	•		•	•	•	•		•		
Squash	•			•			•	•		8	•	•		•	•		•			•	
Swiss Chard	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	8	•			•	•	•	•		•		
Tomato	•			•				•		8	•	•		•	•		•				
Turnip	•	•	•		•		•			7	•	•		•	•	•	•				