

# WEEKLY WEEDER

### November 10, 2022

- 1. Monarch Madness!
- 2. Conjoined Radish
- 3. Visitors Always Enjoy the Garden
- 4. Successful Educational Event at Sunshine
- 5. Garden Education by Ila Falvey
- 6. Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

View this email in your browser







### Monarch madness!

The monarch migration is in full swing, and many gardeners have submitted lovely observations of these extraordinary butterflies as they gear up for the next leg of their journey south ... and forage at Sunshine. From the top are images by Luda Voskov, Carol Limaye, and Iris Slevin. Check out our social media channels for more garden photos!



Conjoined Radish!

Here is a photo you might use of my Siamese radish. What a delightful time of year at the garden! — Submitted by Susan Hoberman



### Visitors Always Enjoy the Garden

I had a visit this week from friends who run an organic farm in Iowa (Nancy and Gary Guthrie, from Growing Harmony Farm in Nevada, Iowa), and as I showed them around SCG, we came across these lovely new crocheted posts in the south area of the gardens! I don't know who made them, but we all admired them. Perhaps others will send photos of these artworks along with a reveal of the artist! — Submitted by Susan Van Haitsma



## Soil Blocking Info Session at Sunshine

A week ago, community members gathered on Sunshine's porch for a lesson from Matthew on using a soil blocker. — Submitted by Ila Falvey with photo by Jing

### Garden Education by Ila Falvey

Check out two educational events in the next few days with more information at Austin Organic Gardeners.

### 1. Fermentation Workshop

When: Saturday, November 12 from 9 to 11 am Where: Zilker Botanical Garden in the Oak Grove

# 2. How to Grow Ginger and Turmeric in Central Texas with Steve Smith

When: Monday, November 14 from 6 to 9 pm

Where: Zilker Botanical Garden & Streaming via Zoom or YouTube

Check out this <u>month's issue of The Cultivator</u> from the American Community Garden Association

### Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Greetings,

Someone lost a nice piece of jewelry at the garden. Text me at 361-215-0122 and describe it to me. It will be returned.

**ATTENTION!!** - If you believe that you are the last person leaving the garden in evening, please CLOSE AND LOCK THE TRAILER! Any SCG garden member knows the combination and can let themselves in should the need arise.

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY - TBD**

Workdays often evolve into social events! SCG is a fantastic place to meet new friends and learn both new and old gardening techniques. There's a wealth of knowledge here and experienced people that love to share it.

#### **NEW GARDENERS**

There are several new gardeners at SCG! Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and y'all get to know each other a little and share

garden knowledge and tips. Let's emphasize the COMMUNITY in Community Garden.

Please read handbook and site rules. Any hardware (hoses, sprayers, nozzles, splitters etc.) attached to garden faucets and maintenance of said items are the responsibility of individual gardeners.

### **ROADS AND PARKING**

- Speed limit is 3 MPH. (Primarily for safety, but also to keep the dust down.)
- Sunshine's roads provide access to plots and common areas.
  Gardeners should not 1) park on roads except to unload a heavy load from vehicle, 2) drive on roads when wet, 3) drive around barriers, 4) drive into another gardener's plot, or 5) put plants or other items in the road.
- Cars may not be left idling while at the garden.
- Park only in the front parking area or your common area. On weekends there are parking spaces on Sunshine and 49th Street.

Handbook and Site rules specifically state that **PARKING ON GARDEN ROADS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. Park in the parking lot or common areas only. When the emergency vehicle enters SCG, they may(I hope not)be coming to assist YOU. How inconvenient it would be for them to have to wait for folks to move cars.

**ON NOVEMBER 14 & 15** there may be workers at the entrance to the garden preparing the grounds for asphalt. Please go slow and follow their directions or park in the street. Sometime around the 16th, the entrance will be closed for 3-5 hours while asphalt operations are performed.

#### PRIORITY TASKS

- Mowing and Trimming Fenceline and lawn on either side of fence.
  - \*Note\* the North, East and South fenceline now have a number assigned to each panel. It is on a brass ring hanging on the panel. Please, either you or a small group please sign up for a panel that you will work to keep clean and neat looking. It may have certain vines on it if you wish. Check with staff about which vines are best.
- Khaki Weed Season is Upon Us! For the uninitiated, Khaki weed is an invasive plant that infects the garden in late spring, summer, and fall. We are determined every year to eradicate it as much as possible. To this end, we are allowing digging up khaki weed to be counted as TSVBI hours until further notice.
- Maintaining common paths and common areas. If you have

plants extending into common paths, trim them. The common paths are designed to allow the biggest wheelbarrows that we own to traverse them unimpeded.

#### **TSVBI**

- Weeding paths in TSBVI garden and wood chip areas on west side.
   (This is normally needed. Try to get out roots. Be sure to smooth out paths after weeding to facilitate TSBVI students moving around garden). Mowing between fence and street along 49th St. and Sunshine Dr. along and 10' inside fence.
- PICKING UP TRASH IN COMPOST AREA AND ALONG FENCELINES.
- Cleaning the street curb gutters of dirt and debris buildup. (At places in the curb gutter along Sunshine Dr. And 49th St. soil has built up and grass is beginning to grow. Scrape off with shovel and put in wheelbarrow. If debris is gravel it can be put in low places in the parking lot, otherwise, destination is dumpster.

Note: TSVBI hours can also count as regular hours.

#### REGULAR

- Mowing, edging (Please check area around trailer and greenhouses). The mowing season is picking up (if it ever rains, it will pick up exponentially.) It's way easier to keep it mowed than try to catch up when it gets overgrown.
- Maintaining common paths. (Gardeners are required to maintain a 2' strip of common paths adjacent to their plot.)
- Mowing and cleaning up overgrown/messy places in common areas.

Your Zone Coordinator may have more tasks than are listed here. Contact them or <u>campinthegarden@yahoo.com</u> if you feel that you have run out of things to do.

Slow Down (3 MPH!) You're on Garden Time! Enjoy!

Contact both <u>Kristin Phillips</u> & <u>Maria Beach</u> to contribute the Weekly Weeder.







Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can <u>update your preferences</u> or <u>unsubscribe from this list</u>.

