

GREENS~LEAVES

Dunedin Vegetable Growers Club Newsletter; issued monthly, Vol: 9: Oct 2016

Next meeting; 7pm, Monday 10th Oct

Venue is the St Kilda Bowling Club, 33 Royal Crescent

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Monday 10th Oct: Welcome and notices

Vegetable of the Month – Jim Bazika on beneficial insects in the garden

Planting now/Q&A - David

Club Talk/Speakers – Belinda from the Red Cross on the Syrian Refugees and their gardens

Competition – Personal best Spring fruit and or Vegetable

Garden visit – Louis Brown (Last Months Speaker) 11 Nottinghill Crescent, Calton Hill at 2pm Saturday 15th Oct

My potato in the bucket is now full of soil and looking good. I am just waiting for that final frost. Last November we had a great one out on the Taieri. I do hope your potato in the buckets are going well. Planting for spring has started and asparagus is finally ready. I do enjoy the spring harvest of asparagus. Beans are going in so straw will be going on top to keep the soil warm. If you get the New Zealand Gardener Magazine you will have seen the excellent article on American dry bean varieties. You can get a selection to grow free from Heritage Food Crops Research, 126A Springvale Rd Wanganui 4501 by sending them a stamped self addressed bubble bag. Joy wanted me to pass on a big thank you to those who help with supper, it is appreciated. Thanks to those who have potted up plants for me for the Syrians.

Sept Meeting

Thank you to those who helped by bringing plants in for the meeting. Hopefully there are more this month. Thank you to those who bought the tools and things in for the Syrian refugees. I took them into the Red Cross where you can take them directly if you want.

The competition of brassicas was won by Ross for his cabbage. He won both the vote from the guest speaker and the club choice.

I enjoyed the talk from Sarah on the three sisters and will be trying it this year. Thanks

The garden visit to the McCabes was not a fantastic weather day but all came in coats and it was great, the garden went on and on with so much planted. Tomatoes in the glasshouse and a great structure for the currents.



Syrian Refugees. The red Cross has assured me more tools would be great. The Red Cross is also looking at a person acting as a support person for a family in their local area to look at what to grow locally. Have a think about this idea as well. I put this in the newsletter last month and no one has contacted me. It is just to start them off and help with knowledge of when and what to plant. Not to dig and do for them.

Almost forgot. I need pots all sizes please for potting up herbs etc Marg

October Meeting

Louis Brown who has set up a project of growing his own food and fruit in 100 square metres of garden and talked last month will be hosting the garden visit on **15th Oct 2pm at 11 Nottinghill Crescent Calton Hill.**

Car-pooling at the south side of the car park on Strathallan Street. Meeting at **1.35pm at Bunnings.**

Jim is talking on beneficial insects in our garden and I am really looking forward to this.

David will do the Q&A and planting now session as well this month

The Guest Speaker is Belinda from the Red Cross who is co-ordinating the gardens for the refugees.

After having 6 families around my garden getting plants I am looking forward to learning more about how it works now that Dunedin is an official refugee centre.

Up coming events (Got the date in now)

Mornington Spring Picnic. 15th Oct from 10am

Jubilee Park Mornington

The vegetable club will be having a stall there to promote vegetable growing. We welcome volunteers between 10 and 2 if you have a spare hour let Carol or Margaret know. The focus is on food diversity.

Membership badges (another reminder as we do not do accounts)

Some of you have been wondering what the Coloured stars are on your membership badges and it is very simple;

Red star that means you have paid 2016 subs. If you have a green star then you *did* pay in 2015 but have not paid for 2016 yet ☺

Bank Account details...For those who would like to pay Their subs via internet banking the Club bank account number is; Westpac 030905 0515906 00 Please remember to add your name as reference when paying by internet banking :)

GARDEN TASKS FOR October 2016

I have to remember to feed my garlic now if I do not want to cry when I dig it. I much prefer to dance at the size of the corms but not unless I feed it. I am a slow learner.

The sowing and planting guide for October is:

Time to plant:

Asian vegetables, Broad beans, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Corn

from mid-month, Courgette from mid-month, Cucumber mid-month, Kale, Lettuce, Onions until end of month, Pumpkin - Marrow - Squash, Silverbeet, Tomatoes and Yams.

Time to sow seeds:

Asian vegetables, Asparagus, Beetroot, Sprouting Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Capsicum, Carrot, Cauliflower, Celery and Celeriac until mid-month, Courgettes, Cucumber, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leaf Lettuce, Leeks, Onion until mid-month, Parsnip (until end of month), Peas, Potatoes, Pumpkin-Marrow-Squash, Radish, Rhubarb, Salsify until mid-month, Silver beet, Spinach, NZ Spinach after mid-month, Tomatoes and Turnip.

Moon Planting October 2016

October 4th to 14th –sow and plant above the ground

19th and 20th– root planting

26th and 27th - root planting

November 4th to 12th – sow above ground crops

Sales Table

Thanks Carol is back! Ye ha More plants are coming but it is always good to get a variety from lots of people. So do think about potting something up. I always enjoy the variety when lots of people contribute.

Library Book We are missing the Astrological Gardening Book that has been borrowed without being written in “ the borrowing book” If you have this could you please return it. Thanks. Still has not returned.