

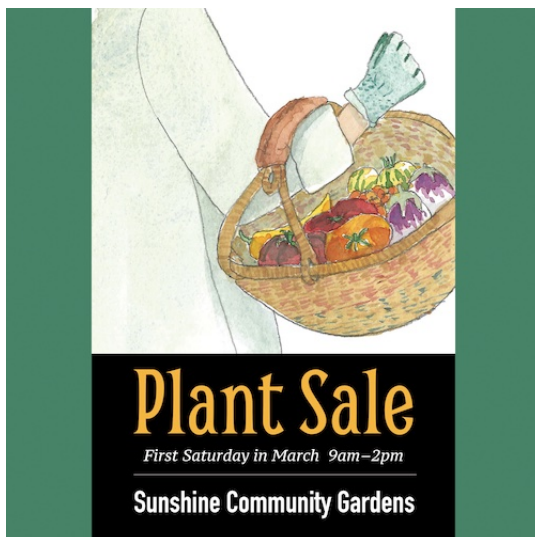


WEEKLY WEEDER

March 2, 2023

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Plant sale advertisement!

Plant Sale Countdown: It's Go Time!

The plant sale is almost here, and we need everyone in the garden to help make it a success!

There are still plenty of spots for the Plant Sale refreshments. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45acad2fa1fa7-sunshine#/> and help keep our volunteers fed and hydrated.

It's also not too late to sign up for a plant sale position. Volunteering is a great way to fulfill your service hours. If you haven't already, please review open slots at <https://signup.com/go/gRoksGQ> and get signed up today.

There will be no parking at the garden from 12pm on Friday through the end of the sale Saturday.

Garden Meeting and Volunteer Pre-Sale this Friday at 5:00pm!

This Friday we will have a very short meeting at 5:00pm and afterwards all the volunteers who have helped or will help with the plant sale can purchase their plants. Thank you so much for everyone's hard work. Our plant sale is so important for the longevity of our community garden, and it's heartening to see everyone come together to help out.

Don't forget to help make this plant sale a huge success by sharing our graphic on social media and telling your friends and co-workers about our sale.

Looking forward to seeing y'all this Friday for the volunteer pre-sale and this Saturday for the Annual Plant Sale. — *Submitted by Marsha Riti and Karl Arcuri*

Sunshine Gardeners' Generosity

During billing season, Sunshine Gardeners were given an opportunity to give a donation to All Blind Children of Texas (ABCTX) along with their annual dues. As a result, 80 gardeners donated a total of \$3,000! This exceeds the prior-year donation by 5%. Sunshine Gardens gave this amount to ABCTX on Amplify Austin Day so the donation will be matched and possibly doubled.

This is the third year Sunshine Gardens has sponsored a charity to be included in its dues billings, and it has been a success. The Board is careful to nominate charities for sponsorship only after they have been fully vetted and there is a determination that the donations will be used wisely. ABCTX is closely associated with the Texas School for the Blind and Vision Impaired and helps blind children all over Texas. We are proud that our gardeners have stepped up to give back to the organization which shares its excellent land and location with us. — *Submitted by Carol*



February & Year-to-Date Sunshine Donations to Micah 6 Food Pantry

February/Year to Date

- Sunshine Produce -- 76 lbs/130 lbs
- Dry Goods & Non-Sunshine Produce -- 57 lbs/170 lbs

February donations to the food pantry were surprisingly good. In addition to produce grown at Sunshine, a number of you donated fresh produce purchased from local stores (see photo). Thank you very much for the bags of citrus, apples, potatoes, onions, ect... The clients at Micah 6 Food Pantry appreciate any and all fresh produce.

Fresh Produce Donations:

Please consider donating your excess harvest to the Micah 6 Food Pantry. Donations of fresh produce (**from your garden or purchased**) may be left in the cool room (south end of the trailer) or in the trailer refrigerator. At this time of year, one delivery a week (Saturday ~ 9am) is made to the food pantry.

Dry Goods Donations:

Micah 6 Food Pantry is struggling to keep up with demand. Please consider donating non-perishable items in addition to produce. Leave your donations in the cool room at the south end of the trailer.

Non-perishable donation suggestions:

- Canned meats such as tuna and stew (pop-up tops preferred)
- Canned vegetables and soup
- Dry beans and rice
- Healthy cereals
- Peanut butter

Thank you! -- Walter Kuhl

Garden Education by Ila Falvey

- [March Vegetable Garden Checklist](#) by Paula Wolfel
 - It's Tomato Time! Here are a few tips for all gardeners:
<https://backbonevalleynursery.com/tomato-tips-3/>
 - Free e-book on [how to raise monarchs](#)
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Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Howdy SCG Gardeners!

Come enjoy members only early plant sale on Friday March 3rd. There will be a short All Gardeners Meeting at 5:00 after which SCG members only may buy plants. Thank you in advance!

NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY - None scheduled in March but please feel free to join in post Plant sale cleanup any day next week.

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.

NOTE

The North & East 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 1 or more I 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 will perform the best. Contact Jim Willmann jhwillmann@gmail.com for assignment options.

Thanks!

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.

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.

PRIORITY TASKS

- Mowing and Trimming everywhere but especially Fenceline and lawn on either side of fence. With the recent rains and more to come, mowing has become a primary task.
 - 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.
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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 wherever you see it.
 - 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.
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REGULAR

- 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 campinthegarden@yahoo.com if you feel that you have run out of things to do.

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

Contact both [Kristin Phillips](#) & [Maria Beach](#) to contribute the Weekly Weeder.



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