



# WEEKLY WEEDER

May 11, 2023

1. **Postponed:** Annual All-Gardener Membership Meeting to Saturday, May 20 (Note that Workday is also Postponed to May 20)
2. A Don Freeman Iris Blooms
3. Unusual Tomato Harvest
4. Garden Education by Ila Falvey
5. Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

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## Postponed: Annual All-Gardener Membership Meeting to Saturday, May 20

Sunshine's annual all-gardener membership meeting has been postponed to Saturday, May 20 at 10:00 am. Originally scheduled for this Saturday (5/13), it was postponed due to the heavy rain forecast for this weekend.

So Sunshine gardeners should update their calendars and join their fellow Sunshine gardeners on Saturday May 20 to socialize, enjoy some breakfast tacos, and take care of Sunshine business.

For those planning on volunteering for the upcoming Workday led by Mary Gifford, this is also postponed to May 20. Please join her from 8-10 am, just before meeting. — *Submitted by Jim Willmann*

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## A Don Freeman Iris Blooms

John Braziel took this lovely photo of an iris blooming in his plot, a bulb nurtured by Don Freeman.

Don Freeman was a long-time gardener at Sunshine known as the "iris Man" since he grew Irises and won many awards at Iris shows.

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## Unusual Tomato Harvest

"Look what is growing in my tomatoes!! — *Submitted by* Polly Porter

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### Garden Education by Ila Falvey

Items of interest to all Sunshiners:

- This award-winning Newsletter from Backbone Valley Nursery has useful information. Check out the [planting schedule](#). Melons, squash, and sweet potatoes can be planted now. I have never been able to grow a melon that I could harvest (usually because something eats it). Some gardeners have had success growing melons. If you plant the vining variety of squash it usually can outgrow the squash vine borer.

Good Luck and Happy Gardening!

# Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Howdy SCG Gardeners!

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NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY - Saturday May 20 from 8:00 until 10:00 before All Gardener Meeting at 10:00. Contact Mary Gifford [mjifford513@gmail.com](mailto:mjifford513@gmail.com) on day of. PLEASE COME OUT AND HELP US MAINTAIN OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDEN!

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.

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## 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](mailto:jhwillmann@gmail.com) for assignment options.

Thanks!

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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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