

# Nyack Community Garden



September 2011

## Closing Date of Garden

The garden will be closing on November 6. This means that all gardens must be dug up and cleared by that date, when the closing committee members will come in and prepare the garden for its winter rest. If your plot is not cleared by **November 6<sup>th</sup>**, you will not get a plot next year in the garden. Here are some specifics: your plot needs to be completely cleared of trash and plants. You have to clear your stretch of fence of all vines. Any remains of plants need to be bagged and dragged to the street, where it



will be picked up by the Village Department of Public Works. There will be village paper compost bags left in the shed (to keep them dry in case of rain) by about a

week before the garden closing. Use them instead of the black plastic bags (because the contents of plastic bags are not composted). The DPW has agreed to send a special truck by November 6<sup>th</sup> to pick up our bags and assure that it is all composted.

Closing committee members are: Brian Osborne, Betty Berlinger, Tina Martin, Wilsie Reese, James Walsh, John Dunnigan, Harry Milholland, David Prentice, Maggie McManus, Laura Pakaln, Laura Mardy, Paul Psiroukis, Cari Perez, and Jeanette Martin. Any questions about this process, please call Brian at 353-1971.

## Pot Luck Dinner

All Nyack Community Gardeners are invited to our annual Pot Luck Dinner on **October 20<sup>th</sup>**. It will be held at Nyack Senior Center, 90 Depew Avenue, from 7-9 PM. Bring a dish to share that will serve 15-20 people. And bring your appetites and your enthusiasm for the fall harvest.

Committee members are John Strykowski/Marc Socoll, Kim Knight, Duncan Bell, Elena McCabe, Stephanie Salter, Christine Randolph, Jennifer Hausler, Luis Febo, Carol Baretz, and Susan Brennan. If you have any questions, please call John or Marc at 268-7920.

## Useful Links...

[Nyack Community Garden Website – nyackcommunitygarden.info](http://nyackcommunitygarden.info)

[Nyack Community Garden on Facebook – www.facebook.com/pages/Nyack-Community-Garden/11711320800632](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Nyack-Community-Garden/11711320800632)

[Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland County – rocklandcce.org](http://rocklandcce.org)

[Nyack Forecast from the National Weather Service Nya.weather.com/weather/today/Nyack+NY+10960](http://Nya.weather.com/weather/today/Nyack+NY+10960)

# Our Garden Stars

Curious about which varieties were especially successful in the garden this year, we took a poll of our membership. The deep and somewhat regular drenchings that Mother Nature provided took care of worries about hydration. Combined with the plentiful but not-too-hot sun, it created great conditions for most of us this year.

Sarah Johnson had great carrots, variety was "Yaya F-1," a nantes type, with good flavor. She also grew "Shiraz Tall Top," an heirloom beet, that did well. She had good cucumbers as well, "Mideast Prolific," and true to the description, the skin was never bitter and it produced well. Her seed source was Seeds of Change.

[www.seedsofchange.org](http://www.seedsofchange.org).

Laura Palkan had great success with greens, and is still harvesting now, in September. She grew Bok choy, Brassica campestris L. (Chinensis group),

aka Celery Mustard, Chinese Mustard, Onf Choy, Pak Choi, Spoon Cabbage, and Taisai.

Diana Cutt reports that her Brussels sprouts look great so far, and also had success with peppers, eggplant, basil and marigolds.

Brian Osborne's best varieties included Red Velvet Lettuce, Apollo Arugula, and Fordhook Giant Chard (Seedsavers, [seedsavers.org](http://seedsavers.org)). His outstanding Walla Walla

I was excited to have finally produced some "Minnesota Midget" cantaloupe, Daikon radish and "Chinese Red Meat" radishes (Baker Creek Heirloom Seed, [www.rareseeds.com](http://www.rareseeds.com)), types that have never produced well for me in other conditions. In August, I sowed a short-season snap pea "Sugar Ann" ([www.kitchengardenseeds.com](http://www.kitchengardenseeds.com)) that's

doing well.

If you're saving seeds and have a few to share, why not bring your extras to the potluck dinner on Oct. 20 to share with your fellow gardeners? (And if you're hoping to score some seeds, make sure you bring along a few envelopes, too!)

- Jennifer Hausler

## Garden Contest

A Garden Contest was held on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The committee was made up of David Umberto (Chair), Barbara/Teresa Berasi, Barbara Puff, Martha Patierno, and Lauren Boyer. The judges were: Eileen Bradford, Mary Lukens, and Patty from Reality Bites.

And the winners were:

### Best Vegetable Garden

1<sup>st</sup> prize – Barbara Puff, #40

2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Kimberly Knight/James Smith, #26

3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Brian Osborne, #10

### Best Flower & Vegetable Garden

1<sup>st</sup> prize – John Strykowski/Marc Socol, #36

2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Melissa & Joe Ondrek, #19

3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Lauren Waldrop, #29

### Best Maintained Garden

1<sup>st</sup> prize – Betty Berlinger, #46

2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Pauline Heckstall, #14

3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Sarah Johnson/James Ross, #33B

### Best Over-all Garden

K.N. Vivekanandan (Vivi), #25

Congratulations to all!

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I cultivate my garden, and my  
garden cultivates me.

*~Robert Brault*