

Welcome Gardens! Newsletter

June 18th/2017

LATEST NEWS!

Want to learn how to plant and grow squash or have questions about planting and growing in this weather!

Come join us: **Planting and Growing Squash
Crazy Weather Planting and Growing - Questions
and Answers**

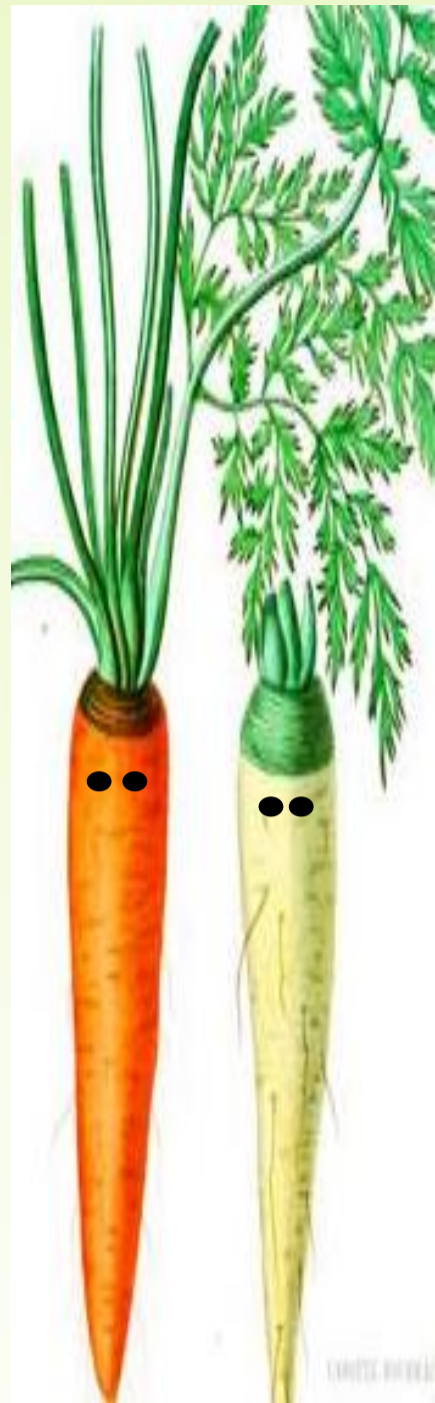


When: Friday, June 23

Time: 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Where: VIRCS Courtyard, 637 Bay Street

Everyone Welcome! New growers too! We will have squash and other seedlings from Metchosin Farms and other Welcome Garden Growers + seeds.



Watering tips

1. Keep evenly moist

Most plants depend on even moisture. Slight drying out, however, before watering can promote root growth in plants.



2. Water late in the evening or early in the morning

When you water cool soil in the evening less water evaporates than when watering hot soil during the day. Watering of an evening or early morning also allows plants to sufficiently supply themselves with water before the next day's heat.

3. Keep leaves dry. Wet leaves can become diseased leaves.

4. Give the right water quantity.

The water must sufficiently reach the roots.

5. Give larger water quantities in parts. Water needs a moment to seep into the soil. To prevent water in the bed flowing away unused water repeatedly in sections.

6. Avoid waterlogging

Waterlogging suppresses the breathing air of the roots out of the soil and the root cells drown without oxygen.

7. Use quality, clay-rich soil

Plant soil rich in clay minerals has better expanding properties and can therefore hold water in the soil much better and in a more even way. In wet summers and in winter ensure adequate water drainage to prevent waterlogging.

Other Welcome Gardens! Activities coming up

we are booking dates to start a series of preservation workshops for July and August...stay tuned!

Other activities in the community

Bubbles and Bees:

Bubbles and Bees is the Compost Education Centre's 25th Anniversary party, so come on down and help us celebrate 25 years of composting and conservation education! Discover how the Compost Education Centre has evolved over a quarter of a century during our open-house style, family friendly, free event, which will feature musical entertainment, face painting and local wine and beer sampling by donation.

When: Saturday June 24th

Time: 12:00-3:00 pm

Where: Compost Education Centre. 1216 N Park St. Victoria, BC V8T 1C9

Farmers Markets

It is farmers market season. Check out this list of places to get local, fresh food around Victoria

<http://bcfarmsandfood.com/farms/farmers-markets/>

Do you have recipes or stories? Please share with us welcomegardens@vircs.bc.ca

For more information about times and topics, please visit VIRCS event calendar at www.vircs.bc.ca or Welcome Gardens facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/vircswelcomegardens/>

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