



Hi All,

The gardening season is starting. Last year we did a lot of work in the garden. We built a willow fence around the garden with Susanne Kennedy to keep the gophers out, Tyee Log and Timer built a gazebo for us for anyone to use and we built a pathway to the Kimberley Aquatic Centre to make the garden more accessible. All this with the help from you, Dave Check who operated the bobcat that RCR generously lent us for the building of the path, Marty Musser, Paula Gordon and financial support from numerous organisations and support from the City of Kimberley. Bulbs that were planted by the McKim students are popping up. This year we would like to focus on water preservation and hopefully we will get some funding to put an automated watering system in. Last year Eddie spent a lot of time watering the garden to make it look the way it looked. This newsletter is to keep you informed on what is happening in the garden and how you can be involved.



Events coming up:

- Dandelion cooking workshop April 25th at McKim School, 6:30pm until 8:30 pm with Denise Holden and Woody Maguire, info at www.wildsight.ca
- Open Gate Garden Get Together Thursday April 28th at 6:30 pm. This will be a gathering at the Open Gate Garden to share ideas. Discussions will include what we are going to grow this year and what can be done to maintain, improve and beautify our shared garden. We will also start cleaning up beds, and planting seeds. Please bring spare seeds or plants you would like to donate. We look forward to seeing you on the 28th.

Things we'd like to do this year:

- Finish the freezer beds tentative date May 19th
- Extend the path to the gate tentative date May 19th
- Install an automated watering system throughout the garden
- Install interpretative signage
- Build a little free garden library

How can I get involved?

- Plant any edible plant or seed you like
- Help maintain the garden by weeding or bringing compost
- Help harvest and enjoy the fruits of your labour
- Help with sharing your gardening knowledge
- Sit back, relax and enjoy what is happening in the garden and bring a friend

The Open Gate Garden

This is an edible community garden based on sharing knowledge, ideas, tasks and food. There are no allotted plots in this garden and the use of the garden is free to anyone. We ask you to please use the garden with respect, so it will still be there for generations to come. There are gardening tools in the shed for you to use. Please sign the logbook in the shed as this helps with funding for the garden. If you have any questions, ideas or wonder how you can be involved, please feel free contact us at dirk@wildsight.ca