

Roosevelt Gardening Group

first meeting of 2010: Tuesday, Feb. 2, 6:30-8pm
Jennifer Thacher's house, 1008 Tullis St. NE

6:30—6:35 Introductions

6:35—6:50 Planting spring crops for the Food Bank: **Anne, Lisa K.?**

- Set date(s): *Friday, April 2 or 16*
- Agree on crops: radishes, lettuce, peas, broccoli, potatoes, leeks
- Order seeds or plan to buy starts
- Weed and turn Dreams beds
- Agree on process with students:
 - Plant at recess or with each class?

Community Volunteers!

Haley McClure, haleyrobertamclure@gmail.com
Amelia Gross
Kimberley Murillo, kmurillo@brwnald.com
Erin Caldwell, Native Plant Salvage

Haley and Amelia are Evergreen students, Erin an intern at Native Plant Salvage and Kimberley an aunt of a student who will be attending Roosevelt.

6:50—7:00 Spring harvest & salad party:

Anne, Lisa K.?

- Set date(s): *Friday, May 21?*

While Erin has her hands pretty full already with our Waterwise Garden project, Haley, Amelia, and Kimberley are ready to help. Please figure out how they can help in your 'area' so we can be clear about where and how they can volunteer.

7:00—7:10 Annual plant sale: **Ginny**

- Set date: *between April 17 and May 2*
- Role of student garden club members

7:10—7:20 "What to do in the Garden" calendar: **Anne**

- Set date to send calendar home with students
- Include dates for plant sale, LYSYD, etc.?

7:20—7:30 Roosevelt's teaching community ambassador to the Gardens: **Deborah Neid**

Deborah is already working with Erica Guttman to coordinate opportunities for education related to the Waterwise Garden. She is interested in listening to our needs and our vision of the 'Gardens Ambassador' role.

7:30—7:45 Student Garden Club and Enrichment courses: **Jen and Erin**

Starts Feb. 9!

Lunch time recess garden club idea has been shelved. 20 minutes is not sufficient time to delve into topics. The new proposal will be a Student Garden Club that meets on the last Friday of the month after school from 3:30-5pm. Ideas for sessions include:

- Photography in the gardens looking for signs of Spring: *Feb. 26*
- Compost (guest teacher from Dirt Works, Master Gardeners, or the City - *Spencer*)
- Testing and studying soil
- Waterwise Garden (Erin will lead)
- Club planting and sign painting to educate and encourage people to enjoy our gardens
- Harvest and field trip to Food Bank
- Plant Sale

Enrichment courses:

- Herbal treatments and nutrition: **Marnie Frisch with Ginny**
 - Define which Dreams bed should be used to grow herbs
- Planting a pie garden or quiche garden (building on the success of the pizza garden)

7:45—8:00 WaterWise Garden (*Erin from Native Plant Salvage*)

Based on teachers' responses from a recent survey that Erica of Native Plant Salvage distributed to the staff a few months back, Erin Caldwell will be working with willing teachers to further education in the Waterwise garden. A major goal of Erica's (and ours as well) is to utilize the Waterwise Gardens as a teaching/learning opportunity involving students, teachers and Native Plant Salvage.

Erin is an intern with Native Plant Salvage until August. One of her projects will be to develop the educational aspect of the Waterwise Garden with the teachers and students. She will be working independently of the Garden Committee. I have asked her to give us a report regarding this at the meeting.

8:00 onward...

- **Slow Food:** *Ginny*
- **Spring Love Your School Yard Day:** *Melinda*
 - Set date: *between May 8 and May 22?*
 - Define projects. Possibilities include:
 - Replacing bark in Time Garden pathways with gravel
 - Dropping poppy and calendula seeds everywhere
 - Moving piles of mulch left from fall LYSYD
- **Edible Forest:** *Ginny*

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 2!