



From the Garden

4/13-4/19 2025



Garden Interest Form

What's Growing?

Snap peas and carrots are beginning to grow in rows 1 and 2 of the Spring Garden. Cornflowers are growing bigger in the Flower Garden. Comfrey and horseradish are beginning to wake up from their winter slumber in the large pots on top of the pallets.



Weather Forecast & What it Means for the Garden

Mon 13	Tue 14	Wed 15	Thu 16	Fri 17	Sat 18	Sun 19
56° / 45°	51° / 42°	51° / 37°	55° / 38°	61° / 40°	65° / 45°	59° / 44°
Showers	Rain	Rain	Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Showers
46%	90%	76%	38%	13%	24%	51%

Weather will be overcast and mildly rainy with lower temps. Raised beds will need one long drench but won't dry out as fast.

This Week's Major Tasks

- Planting seedlings** to take advantage of the rainy weather before the summer.
 - Comfrey will be planted alongside the compost pile
 - Horseradish, Jerusalem artichoke, Rhubarb, Borage, and Mullein will be planted in the herb mounds
- Sowing carrot seeds** and **planting leeks** and **calendula** into the rows
- Organizing seeds** in the shed to increase accessibility by creating a bag for each veggie type ("Peppers", "Corn", etc.)
- Leveling areas at the end of the rows** in the back of the garden for more flowers



Upcoming Events

- Fri 4/17 @ 10am - Planting Potatoes!** (**GREEN CLASS** not on the class calendar)
 - Come learn how to grow potatoes and how to add potatoes to your raised bed.
- Sun 4/19 @ 9:30am - Spreading mulch around the orchard** (**GREEN CLASS** not on the class calendar)
 - Learn about mulching fruit trees with Bobby from the Portland Fruit Tree Project!
- Fri 4/24 @ 10am - Making Compost Tea** (**GREEN CLASS** not on the class calendar)
 - Learn about fertilizing vegetables with tea made from compost
- Fri 5/1 @ 1pm - Media Day in the Garden**
 - There will be a news team coming to the garden to take video and hear from participants. Please come out to share your story or stay out of the garden if you are not comfortable being filmed.

Updates & Special Moments

- David from Oasis will be working with people in the garden. They will work in the space to the right of the roses.
- We will be getting more dark compost delivered next week on Wednesday.
- Plants have been added to the labyrinth and a “three sisters” planting is being set up in the children’s garden.
- Small native bees “mason bees” have been busy pollinating our fruit trees and laying eggs in their houses.



What to Pick This Week

Borage flowers



Herbs



What to Plant Now

Arugula Asian Greens Asparagus (crown) Beets* Broccoli*
Brussels sprouts Cabbage (early types)* Carrots* 4/1
Cauliflower* Celeriac* 4/15 Celery* 4/15 Chard* Choi*
Cilantro* Collards Dill Endive* Fennel (bulbing) Jer.
Artichoke* (tuber) Kale Kohlrabi* Lettuce* Mustard Greens
Peas 4/1 Potatoes (tubers) Radicchio Radish Scallions
Sorrel Spinach* Turnips*

Important Notes from Jacob

- Please remember to close all gates if you are the last person in the garden. This helps keep rabbits away!
- Please problem-solve on your own first before asking me for help! All materials around the shed, within the wood shelves, and along the fence are free for you to use.
- **Only check in with me if you...**
 - a. Need space in the garden for a specific project/idea
 - b. Want to learn how to do something on your own (sow seeds, fertilize, use the power tools)
 - c. Use the last of something so I know to get more/replace it!
- Since VetREST is a nonprofit, we rely on donations and grants for our programs. I will be asking people for quotes/testimonials about how the garden has supported you to share with supporters of our organization.
- With the warming temperatures, I am getting busier so may not be available to work with you while I am in the garden. I will begin focusing on photos/videos for our social media to promote selling the cut flowers we will be growing this summer (more on that soon)

Comments?/Clarifications?

Reach out to Jacob if you have any suggestions for this weekly update or for anything else you need!

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