



College Area Community Garden

a community based member supported organic garden

Hi fellow gardeners

Did you know that the chickens at our community garden are participating in an SDSU study comparing two different feeding regimens? These might be the best fed chickens in San Diego! [Click here](#) to take a look at the report written by Dr John Love that will give you an inside the cage look at how the chickens are cared for.

For you avid gardeners out there, I am including a link to the Master Gardener Association of San Diego – [Let's Grow Together](#) website that contains some great resources to help you enjoy your garden even more. These include some great ideas for [beginning vegetable gardeners](#) and for [kids garden activities](#).

This is the time of year when we are looking to our community of gardeners and friends to step up and take a more active role in making this the best community garden in San Diego. One way to participate is to join our board of directors and help the garden continue to grow and develop our core values: Sustainability, Community, Organic Gardening, and Education. If you believe you have something to contribute to help us along that path, then please contact any board member to find out more. And, for those of you that are interested but unsure about what is involved in being a board member, Henry Bertram has offered to perform some Zoom mentoring by request. So, don't hesitate to contact [Henry Bertram](#) to find out more.

It's time to renew your membership! And guess what, we still pay the same low rates that we have paid since the garden was founded 8 years ago. Payment is due from all gardeners by January 7th 2021. Please click on this link to renew your membership online via our [College Area Community Garden website](#). Scroll down to the "Buy Now" button and use PayPal to make your payment. The amount to pay for each size of raised bed is listed on the website. For the first time in garden history, all of the garden beds will be leased out, so the board is devising a lottery for selecting new garden applicants going forward. Details will be coming soon. Also, the garden will be limiting all new garden leases to 2 – 4 x 8 raised beds per gardener or a total garden space of 64 square feet. Gardeners who currently have more than 2 plots or 64 square feet will be allowed to renew their current leases but not add any more.

For all you budding journalists out there, we are continually looking for volunteers to write an article about the garden that will be published by the College Times Courier (Note: 600 words maximum). So, if you have some ideas, try putting pen to paper, and share your ideas with the community. We encourage you to include up to 3 story related original photos (preferably in jpg format). Forward any articles or thoughts about articles to any of the College Area Community Garden board members. The board members will review articles before submitting for publication and reserve the right to edit for content.

We at the garden wanted to take a moment to thank Carolyn and Greg Sanders for all of their contributions to the garden over the past several years. Carolyn has been on the garden board of directors for the past three years and Greg has been one of our hardest working volunteers. Unfortunately, the COVID lockdown has made it difficult for them to continue their garden activities for the time being. So, we wish them well and hope they can come back and join us again soon.

Thank you all for making this a great community garden and a special thank you to everyone that has volunteered their time at the garden this past year. The garden is doing better each year and it really shows.

Have a great holiday and a wonderful new year!

Best regards,

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