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LEAF

May 2020 Newsletter

Letter from the President



Perhaps many of you are planning on growing veggies even if you are nervous about how to start. I encourage you to be brave and do what you can - if anytime was good to start, this is it. We're witnessing shortages on grocers' shelves and soon it's bound to hit the produce section as the health of farmers, food processors and delivery systems are impacted.

You'll find more virtual LEAF presence to keep connected. There are more blogs, written during this pandemic, with topics addressing our new lifestyles. There's

even one applicable to growing food in apartments (One serving of Greens per Day). Let's keep the conversation going - we'd love to hear from you!

LEAF members have been connected through Slack in an online chat community. With the summer planting season starting, I expect to see members sharing info (bee swarms anyone?) and maybe swapping seeds and seedlings. Later there will be an abundance of zucchini... ([Sign up](#) for membership to join in!)

Be well,

Mia Mora

LEAF News

LEAF Plant Sale in Progress



This year's LEAF Seedling Sale is going mobile. We have over 100 varieties and 2,500 plants available. We totally revamped our buying process to No-Contact Sales so you can buy our plants safely.

How do you order plants?

Browse our online [Plant Sale Catalog](#), then order using our [Sales Order Form](#).

How do you pick up plants?

We offer curbside pick up on Saturdays at slotted times or home delivery in the Tri-City area.

What to do in the Garden: May

It's been a cool spring, but the air temperatures have been rising, with averages in the mid 50s and highs in the mid 70s - which means that the soil temps should be in the 60s.

Do you know what that means? Time to plant your summer veggies. Yahooo!



LEAF Nursery has over 100 varieties and 2500 plants available.

- Beans: pole, bush including soybeans, hyacinth
- Cucumbers: Asian, lemon, pickling, melon metki, Armenian, English
- Eggplant: black beauty, Asian, Indian
- Flowers: hyssop, lupine, nasturtium, zinnias
- Gourds: bath loofah, bottle, bitter, ridge, sponge, snake
- Herbs and Greens: basil, cilantro, parsley, sage, thyme, arugula, chard, kale, oregano
- Squash: summer, winter, pumpkins
- Peppers (chili): anaheim, jalapeno, paprika, poblano, serrano, padron, thai
- Peppers (sweet): baby belles and California wonder
- Tomatoes: cherry, saucing, slicing in several colors
- Plus: okra, tomatillos, melons, peas, celery, corn, fennel

Check out LEAF's online [Plant Sales Catalog](#) and online [Sales Order Form](#).

LEAF C. R. Stone Garden



We're famous! StopWaste made a [video of our Carbon Farming Methods](#). Check it out.

Did you know that you can be a Carbon Farmer and build healthy soil at the same time? It's really easy: all you have to do is add organic matter like compost and mulch. Yup, that's it.

It's our mantra: **"Compost and Mulch", "Compost and Mulch", "Compost and Mulch"**.

LEAF Center



Gardener of the Month: Caitlin Ryan - Planter #14

Caitlin just started at the LEAF Center in February. Garden Supervisor, Lisa Wills, is impressed that Caitlin built her own cage and cycles to the garden to tend her planter, which she does regularly. Caitlin works on cancer research across the bay.

Lisa would like to thank gardeners for helping spread the pile of mulch while practicing safe social distancing. It's great to see the LEAF Center's community pitching in! She also suggests gardeners top off the soil in their planters. Just be careful not to cut the drip lines! Brian Wills had to repair quite a few last year.

Gardeners should take advantage of LEAF's seedling sales propagated at LEAF's C.R. Stone Garden. All the seedlings, including tomatoes and peppers can go in now that the weather is warming up.

There are still planters available for rent in both half and full sizes. If interested, contact [LEAF Center Garden Supervisor](#).

Events - on hold

All LEAF events through May have been canceled.

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