



GREEN GARDEN COLLABORATIVE

Monthly Collaborative Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Due to holidays and short school calendars we are postponing the next meeting until January.

ADOPT A GARDEN WITH URBAN HARVEST

December 7th, 8:30-11:30 AM in Sunny Side. See attached flyers

SAVE THE DATE: FRUIT TREE SALE!

February 15, 9am-1pm
Urban Harvest annual Fruit Tree Sale

OUR LINKS:

 [HTTPS://WWW.ELCENTRODECORAZON.ORG/G-R-E-E-N/](https://www.elcentrodecorazon.org/g-r-e-e-n/)

 [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/G.R.E.E.N.EASTEND/](http://www.facebook.com/g.r.e.e.n.eastend/)

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November Meeting Notes

Finca Tres Robles

Thanks to Tommy, Dan and Cat for allowing us to have our monthly meeting at the farm and helping us cultivate our thriving community! We had 6 gardens in attendance (Tijerina, Briscoe, DeZavala, Gallegos, El Centro-Magnolia, El Centro-Dunn). Our guest was Emily Foxman from Urban Harvest. She walked us through the **Home Depot Community Grant**. Attached is a wonderful document she shared with instructions to apply for the Home Depot Grant. It also has great advice for applying to other gardening grants. If anyone needs their Tax ID or TEA ID for the school in order to apply for grants, it can be found on your school website. Look for it under ABOUT US > SCHOOL PROFILE. Thank you Emily for this wonderful information. We'd love to hear back about your experience.

We also would like to welcome Tijerina Elementary who attended a meeting for the first time. They are working on revitalizing their garden and could use some support. Please reach out to Mr Alan Wilson, 5th grade, who we're sure will be glad to hear from you.

FREE, FREE, FREE!



Francisco Castillo with the office of Commissioner Adrian Garcia in Precinct 2 has offered free mulch. There is also a local tree company that has offered free mulch. Gallegos Elementary and DeZavala Elementary have already received several yards. Contact Francisco at francisco.castillo@pct2.hctx.net

Thank you Francisco!



More photos from November Meeting

Project Volunteers

The Harris County Juvenile Probation Department is looking for service learning projects for their kids. If you have a project that needs young energy, please let us know so we can connect you to them. They can put together a group of about 10-15 kids. Saturdays are preferred.

Community Garden Agreements

Please sign a G.R.E.E.N. Community Garden Agreement with Jorge if you have not done so. This is simply to recognize who is a committed member of the collaborative. Having a strong membership helps us secure donations and/or discounts of materials, plants, and invites to training events. Please contact Jorge with questions. We have received a completed form from the following gardens:

- DeZavala Elementary
- Gallegos Elementary
- Navarro Middle School
- Edison middle School
- El Centro- Mangolia Garden
- El Centro- Dunn Garden
- Milby High School

Finca Tres Robles Donated Starters from October.....

At the October meeting Cat Janda from Finca Tres Robles brought free plant starters that were donated to the gardens. For those who received them, we want to help you identify them so you know how to harvest and care for the plants. Mrs Hernandez at Edison MS shared the following photos of their healthy transplants and Tommy at Finca identified as follows:



Red Tipped lettuce called "Crawford. It is a Texas Heirloom.



These are two different types of Swiss Chard



PREPARING FOR WINTER BREAK

Do the following things to prepare your gardens for the winter break:

1. Clean up rotting and finished plants
2. Remove invasive weeds
3. Plant cover crops
4. Prune perennials
5. Harvest and regenerate your compost
6. Replenish mulch
7. Clean and sharpen tools

Looking ahead to 2020 we have great things coming. Lets make sure our garden beds are ready for spring planting!



This was the Kale that was donated



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