

Walnut Grove Vocational Farm

A DeKalb County Community Gardens Program

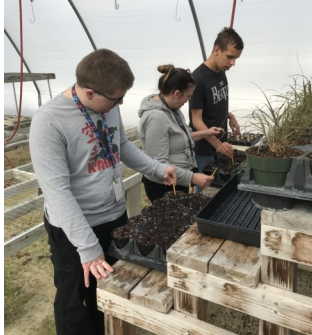


DEKALB COUNTY
**COMMUNITY
GARDENS**

2019 Growing Season Kick Off

Updates from WGVF: Spring 2019

We are very excited about getting started with our new and returning participants. We kicked off the first day session on February 18. It was wonderful to hear the conversation between new and returning participants. Our returning participants were eager to fill in the "newbies" on what they will learn and enjoy doing at the farm. One of them instructed, "We do not fill trays with dirt, we fill them with soil." It is awesome to hear they had retained



information from last year and their willingness to share their knowledge with their peers. Each week, seven groups, from schools and day programs for adults, are coming to assist with our growing season. Last year, five of our participants were employed at Klein's Quality Produce in Burlington.

Spring Open House May 4, 2019

Come out to the WGVF greenhouses on May 4, for our Spring open house from 10 am to 5:30 pm.

We have 80 varieties of tomatoes, 40 varieties of peppers, and colorful flowering annuals to brighten your garden. Also available are a large selection of beautiful hanging baskets and mixed containers, which would make great Mother's Day gifts. Plants can be ordered in advance at www.dekalbgardens.org, then click on the **Shop** button.

Walnut Grove Vocational Farm

33600 Pearl Street
Kirkland, IL 60146
779.212.9543
(1.5 miles north of Kirkland off Rt. 72)

Hours

April 23 - June 2, 2019

Tuesday - Saturday

10 am - 5:30 pm

Sunday

11 am - 4 pm

Closed Mondays

June 4 - June 29, 2019

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10 am - 5 pm

Closed

Sundays & Mondays

Prairie Activities: May 4

Walking Tours of the prairie will be held hourly, from 9 am to 12 pm.

Transportation from the farm to the Prairie will be provided.

Jack Pizzo will present: Bringing Native Plants Home at 1:30 pm

Jack Pizzo is the founding partner of The Pizzo Group, President, Senior Ecologist, Landscape Architect and Nurseryman.

Founded in 1988, The Pizzo Group is one of the Midwest's largest ecological restoration firms. Author of *Green and Natural Spaces in Your Community*, Jack will speak about using native plants in your home gardens at the Prairie, ¼ mile east of Pearl, on Wolf Road, weather permitting. If inclement weather, will move to WGVF (33600 Pearl Street, Kirkland). A walking tour of the prairie will follow the presentation.

GIVE DeKalb County: May 2

A perfect day to support DCCG and all its community-focused programs.

Food Needs - Grow Mobile

DCCG mobile food truck that provides food desert areas with fresh produce.

Walnut Grove Vocational Farm

Individuals with developmental disabilities receive training in horticulture and agriculture.

Community Building

Bringing people together to address food insecurity.



A bonus pool of funds raised from Community Partners ensures that every donation makes an even greater impact!

To donate on Thursday,
May 2, go to
www.givedekalbcounty.org

Reserve a Box of Hope

Too busy to grow your own vegetables? Purchase a **Box of Hope (CSA)** subscription! Each Box of Hope is filled with fresh veggies grown & processed by WGVF participants using sustainable methods. Available weekly, biweekly, monthly or flex plan. Limited amount of subscriptions available, so order yours today!

DCCG Kick Off: April 29

Please join us Monday, April 29, at 6 pm, at The Unitarian Universalist Church, 158 N. 4th St, DeKalb. There will be DCCG updates and volunteer opportunities galore. Soup and salad will be served. See you there!

Veggie Talk: May 18

Nathan Dettman, DCCG Lead Gardener & Community Educator, will offer information and hands-on experience on planting garden vegetables. He will demonstrate ways to plant vegetables that will provide great results in your home garden. The talk will be held, May 18, at 1 pm, Walnut Grove Vocational Farm (33600 Pearl Street, Kirkland). It is free and open to all.

New Varieties



Calibrachoa Uno Double Pinkstastic

Height: 6 to 8 in.
Space: 8 in.
This semi-trailing beauty is multi-petaled, with a lovely dark pink center and white edges. It would brighten any hanging basket.

Vinca Tattoo Series

Height: 10 to 14 in.
Space: 6 to 8 in.
An outstanding plant that is heat and drought tolerant. Colors include: Black Cherry, Papaya, Raspberry and Tangerine.



Mangave

This is an exciting new plant. It is a cross between the genus Manfreda and Agave. This hybrid combines the best of both worlds: the better growth rate and unique patterns of Manfreda, and the habit and refinement of Agave.

Annual Plants

Annuals

Acalypha	Fuchsia	Pansy
Alternanthera	Gaura	Pelargonium
Angelonia	Gazania	Pennisetum
Antirrhinum	Gomphrena	Penta
Argyranthemum	Gypsophila	Petchoa
Bacopa	Hedera	Petunia
Begonia	Helichrysum	Phlox
Bidens	Heliotrope	Portulaca
Bracteantha	Hypoestes	Rudbeckia
Calibrachoa	Impatiens	Salvia
Cassia	Ipomoea	Scaevola
Catharanthus	Lantana	Spilanthes
Celosia	Lobelia	Streptocarpella
Cleome	Lobularia	Strobilanthes
Coleus	Lotus Vine	Torenia
Dianthus	Lysimachia	Verbena
Dichondra	Marigold	Vinca Vine
Dorotheanthus	Melampodium	
Dracaena	Mimosa	
Echeveria	Moon Vine	
Euphorbia	Morning Glory	
	Oplismenus	



DCCG's Grow Mobile

DCCG's Grow Mobile is our mobile food pantry & education center. It was established to help our Food Needs program in the summer of 2017. The Grow Mobile has been operational in the winter months by making food drops at community locations and holding pop-up events at indoor sites all over DeKalb County. In 2018, 14,218 pounds of food were distributed to 17,210 people; of those, 30% were over the age of 60. This translates to 123,515 meals to people in need. Our partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank makes this possible and allows DCCG to supplement our in-season produce with other essential foods items.

May Grow Mobile Schedule:

- Saturday, May 11, 7 - 11am
Kingston Friendship Center, 120 Main Street, Kingston
- Tuesday, May 21, 4 - 6 pm
University Village Apts., 722 N. Annie Glidden, DeKalb
- Saturday, May 25, 9:30 - 11:30 am
UU Welcome Pantry, 158 N. 4th. Street, DeKalb
- Tuesday, May 28, 4 - 6pm
St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 340 W. Arnold St., Sandwich

Vegetables & Herb Plants

WGVB has over 80 different varieties of tomato plants, including 30+ heirloom varieties. Plants can be purchased at 33600 Pearl Street, Kirkland or online at www.dekalbgardens.org click on the **Shop** button.

Vegetable & Fruits

Bok Choy

Broccoli

Brussel Sprouts

Cabbage

Famosa
Golden Acre
Late Flat Dutch
Ruby Perfection

Cantaloupe

Cauliflower

Collards

Cucumbers

Bush Pickling
Marketmore
Salad Bush Hybrid
Spacemaster
Straight Eight

Eggplant

Black Beauty
Rosa Bianca
Shikou

Kale

Kohlrabi

Leeks

Lettuce

Buttercrunch
Romaine

Peppers (*Heirloom)

Anaheim*
Baron (Red Beauty)
Better Belle
Bhut Jolokia
Big Bertha
California Wonder*
Carmen
Carolina Reaper
Cayenne
Chablis
Cherry Hot
Cherry Sweet (Pick)
Chichimeca
Chocolate Beauty
Corno di Toro*
Cubanelle*
Early Sunsatation
Friariello
Garden Salsa
Giant Marconi
Golden Caliwonder*
Gypsy
Habanero*
Hungarian Hot Wax*
Hungarian Sweet

Jalapeno*

King Arthur

Large Cayenne

Mariachi

Mexibell

Orange Blaze

Poblano (Ancho)*

Purple Beauty

Revolution

Scotch Bonnet

Serrano*

Super Chili

Sweetie Pie

Tabasco*

Thai Hot*

Trinidad Scorpion Moruga

Pumpkins

Howden

Jack-Be-Little

Squash

Acorn

Butterbaby

Butternut

Delicata

Yellow Crookneck

Zucchini

Swiss Chard

Tomatoes (*Heirloom)

Abraham Lincoln

Amana Orange*

Amish Paste*

Aunt Ruby's German

Green*

Beefmaster

Beefsteak*

Better Boy

Big Beef

Big Boy

Big Italian Plum*

Big Mama

Big Rainbow*

Black Brandywine

Black Cherry

Black from Tula*

Black Krim*

Blondkopfchen*

Bloody Butcher

Brandywine*

Bush Champion

Bush Early Girl

Bush Goliath

Campbells 33*

Caspian Pink*

Celebrity

Champion

Cherokee Chocolate

Cherokee Purple*

Chocolate Cherry

Country Taste

Delicious*

Early Girl

Fourth of July

Fruit Punch Cherry

Genuwine

Giant Oxheart*

Golden Jubilee*

Green Grape*

Green Zebra*

Genuwine

Hillbilly*

Indigo Blue Beauty

Italian Ice

Japanese Black Trifele*

Jelly Bean Red

Jelly Bean Yellow

Jersey Giant Paste

Jet Star

Jolly

Julia Child*

Juliet

Kelloggs Breakfast*

Lemon Boy

Marglobe*

Mortgage Lifter*

Nebraska Wedding*

Park's Whopper

Patio Choice Yellow

Paul Robeson*

Pineapple*

Pink Girl

Porterhouse

Red Pear*

Red Profusion

Roma

Rose*

Rutgers

San Marzano*

Sheboygan*

Sugary

Sugar Lump

Sungold

Sunsugar

Super Fantastic

Supersonic

Supersteak

Super Sweet 100

Super Tasty

Sweet n' Neat Scarlet

Tiny Tim

Wins All*

Wisconsin 55*

Yellow Pear*

Watermelon

Sugar Baby

Herbs

Basil

Cinnamon

Lemon

Lime

Pesto Perpetuo

Purple Ruffles

Red Rubin

Siam Queen

Spicy Globe

Sweet

Borage

Chamomile

Chives

Cilantro

Dill

Fennel

Hyssop

Lavender

Lemon Balm

Lemon Grass

Lemon Verbena

Lovage

Marjoram

Mint

Chocolate

Mojito

Peppermint

Spearmint

Oregano

Parsley

Curled

Plain

Rosemary

Sage

Common

Pineapple

Stevia

Thyme

English

Lemon

Spicy Orange

Water Cress

Present this voucher for

**One Free
Tiny Tim Tomato
Plant**

Valid May 1, 2019- May 31, 2019

Limit one coupon per customer.

While supplies last.



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Upcoming Events

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April 29

GIVE DeKalb County

County-wide online giving day

www.givedekalbcounty.org

May 2

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Jack Pizzo Native Plants Presentation

1:30 pm

Fall Open House at WGVF

September 7

Local Harvest Dinner at Tapa La Luna

Benefiting DCCG

September 15

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