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# Aurora Quest Community Garden Newsletter

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **May 5**

9:00 AM, Room 127

Community Garden  
meeting

10:00 AM, Room 127

Training: The What, When  
& How of Planting

11:00-12:30, Garden

Workday

### **May 9-10**

2:30-3:00 PM, Quest  
entrance

Community Garden plant  
sale

### **June 1**

Plot planting deadline

### **June 2**

9:00 AM, Room 127

Community Garden  
meeting

10:00 AM, Room 127

Training

11:00-12:30, Garden

Workday

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***Plots still available!*** Large beds and raised beds are still unclaimed. Rental prices range from \$20-50 dollars for the season. If you are interested in renting a plot this season, email Megan at [mrhaley@aps.k12.co.us](mailto:mrhaley@aps.k12.co.us) for more information.

## **ATTN: GARDENERS...**

***Focus for this month:*** Be sure to start mix and turn your plot soil ASAP. Much of the winter rye is still alive and growing, and it needs to start decomposing before you can plant. It will take about three weeks after turning the winter rye before you can plant.

## **Now is the Time to Start Cool-Weather Crops!**

Mid-April through May in Colorado is a great time to start cool-weather crops in the garden. Beets, cabbage, cauliflower, garden peas, green onions, leaf lettuce, leeks, parsley, radishes, and spinach are just some of the cooler crops that favor planting early in the season. As early as the end of this month, transplants of squash plants and their squashy cousins – from summer squash to cucumbers, melons to pumpkins – can also be hardened off and transferred to the garden.



For more information on planting a cool-weather crop, getting started on summer plot planning, and any additional questions you may have about gardening, come to a free training at Quest on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>! Breakfast will be provided. This training will be immediately followed by the first garden workday of the year.

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**CONTACT US:****General Email:**

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“Aurora Quest Community Gardeners”  
(send a request, we can add you)

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**“Dig In Aurora” Community Garden Competition**

**Join the garden and represent Aurora Quest!**

**Let’s win a shovel!**

Aurora’s community gardens are worth discovering. Our city has 15 public community gardens – can you name them all? No? Then let’s dig in and get to know each other. This light-hearted competition between Aurora’s community gardens is a way to meet other gardeners, get new ideas, and have fun. **Participating gardens will be visited and judged by a panel from Aurora Water Conservation in August.** Participants ranking highest in each of four categories (“Water Conservation,” “Appearance,” “Productivity,” “Community”) will earn a gift certificate from Nick’s Garden Center. The grand prize winner will receive the Golden Shovel – the most coveted shovel award in Aurora. Applications are due Aug. 1, 2018. An award ceremony and potluck on Sept. 15, 2018 will showcase all participating gardens and present prizes.

For more information, come to next garden meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, in Room 127.

**Join the Committee!**

Join the AQ Community Garden committee! We want to hear your voice. Help us build an amazing gardening community. Come to the next Garden meeting, on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and dive in. See contact info to the left, to contact AQCG committee members directly.

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**REMAINING COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING/TRAINING/WORKDAY****DATES FOR 2018:**

May 5<sup>th</sup>  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
July 7<sup>th</sup>  
August 4<sup>th</sup>  
September 8<sup>th</sup>  
October 6<sup>th</sup>  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>

AQ Community Garden meetings transpire the first Saturday of the month (except for September, which is the second Saturday). The monthly meeting starts at 9:00 AM, followed by a free training session at 10:00, and the garden workday from 11:00-12:30. Breakfast is provided.

**TBA: COMMUNITY GARDEN SUMMER MOVIE SERIES**

**Coming Soon** - We will be announcing dates for the AURORA QUEST COMMUNITY GARDEN SUMMER MOVIE SERIES! On select Fridays, June through August, we will be having **garden potlucks**, followed by **free Outdoor Family Movie Screenings at dusk**, on the lawn at Quest. It’s a great opportunity to get to know your fellow gardeners and community members, eat, and kick back for some movie fun. ☺



