



# Inglewood Community Friendship Garden Project

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It has been a year since our last newsletter. In the last year the Master Gardeners have been very busy in the Friendship Garden at Inglewood Care Centre. We have had excellent feedback from residents and families about the garden. The M. G's are not only passionate gardeners, they volunteer at Inglewood in the spirit of community.



**Planning on a hot summer's day. Note the hydrangea in the background.**

delphiniums, and Shasta daisies. Each time the Master Gardeners visited the garden, we tried to give some blooms to the residents. As well, we always had a vase of flowers on the table for all to enjoy. The hydrangeas were really lovely this year as were the rhododendrons. Our Southern Belle, Connie Campbell donated lots of geranium cuttings for the flower pots. We added some petunias and lobelia and had a magnificent display. In November 2009, Connie also planted 345 bulbs with the help of Maureen and Aileen resulting in a terrific display this spring. Sadly for us, Connie returned to her home in North Carolina last June '2010. We really miss her enthusiasm not to mention her southern accent!

The rest of the Master Gardeners, Mary Johnson, Aileen Taylor, Maureen Woodrow, Sheila Skeans and Lana Wightman are still working in the Friendship Garden. The aim is to make it a four season garden.



**The Alliums were truly beautiful this year.**

This summer, the pots of flowers were especially beautiful. Roses bloomed profusely as did flocks, hollyhocks,



**Oops , we thought we planted Zucchini. We got Squash!**





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## **KUDOS KUDOS KUDOS KUDOS**

Thanks to Mr Al Price who donated a beautiful Maple tree to Inglewood. It started out in the wrong place and we finally moved it to the right place. It is now beautiful and thriving.



We need to thank Aileen and Janet for their walks and talks with the residents. They are both so patient and understanding when dealing with the residents.

We must also thank the District of West Vancouver for the donation of many bulbs which they dig up every year and usually "toss".

## **INGLEWOOD SPRING CLEAN UP.**

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2010, the sun gods cooperated fully and blessed us with a decent day. There was even some sun and no rain.

The original Master Gardeners, and MG's in training (Aileen Taylor, Mary Johnson, Maureen Woodrow and Lana Wightman) were joined by a new group of first year Master Gardeners, who were keen and ready to start work: Joan McAllister, Joanne Mabon, Sheila Skeans and Barbara Smith.

It was decided to give this group a whole new area to call their own that they could develop over time. Did you know there is a large grassy area, backed by nature trees, on the east side of the Lodge? Some 38 residents from the Lodge *and* the Manor overlook this area which

boasts lots of dandelions in the lawn, a few old shrubs and not much else. But these "keeners" saw potential and came up with a plan!

They dug up turf and formed a large kidney-shaped flower bed which they plan to fill over time. They planted a lilac tree, taken from the Friendship garden to anchor their new bed. Keep your eye on the space-we predict great things to come. In fact, a daughter has already donated plant funds to honour her father who loved spending time in the Manor garden while he lived at Inglewood. The Master Gardeners' goal is to give the residents at the back of the complex a wonderful garden view.

Meanwhile, the original MG's worked on the Friendship Garden on Clean-up Day. They pruned, deadheaded and gave the garden a general tidying up. The aforementioned lilac was replaced by beautiful maple tree which had been donated by Al Price. With tarps, a truck, tools, and able workers, the task was completed in record time. After only a few hours, the Friendship garden was looking pretty great. We even found time to relax in the sun at noon to feast on yummy pizza kindly provided by Inglewood.

Keep watching, as Spring progresses, there will be a profusion of plants and flowers!

Thanks to the families, friends and staff who pitched in along with the Master Gardeners on Inglewood's Spring Clean up day.

Our gratitude goes out to Les Fowler, Frances Courtier, Margo Lupien, Linda Horspool, Sandy McCrone, Bob Sandison, Paul, Kerry McPhedran, Ron Hollingshead, and Maria Jadhav.

Submitted by Kerry McPhedran



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It was a pleasure having the opportunity to bring this back garden area back to life and be able to build a new garden amongst the grassy dandelion field. I have had many people comment on how much a difference we have made. I know that the people in the rooms looking on to this space are very appreciative (especially my grandmother).

Submitted by Joan McAllister



## Fall Clean up

Our Fall Clean up is on Saturday 23rd October 2010, from 10.00am until 2.00pm.

We welcome friends and family to help us tidy up for winter. Join us for a fun day.

The more hands the better.

We would also welcome the donation of brown bags, spring bulbs and garden stakes.

Don't throw out your bud vases; we can

use them for the residents.

The Inglewood Friendship Garden is particularly spectacular this fall.

The rudebeckia's (Black Eyed Susan's) are stunning!

We will continue to work in the Friendship Garden for the enjoyment of the resident's.



**Rudebeckia's (Black Eyed Susan's)**



Here is a picture of the bags that we can use for yard waste at the Fall Clean up.