

Garden Committee Report

October 2022

Initial Comments

Long sleeves and a sweat shirt in the mornings, by mid-morning things have warmed up and off come the extra layers. By afternoon the temps are... just lovely. Perfect weather! At least for me. Not so much for the summer garden. It's winding down. But that doesn't mean we're having a bad month. Actually, its been a good month. Lets have a look.

Projects

Irrigation Risers: I'm happy to report this project is finally complete. Working nicely.

Fertigation: This topic starts with squash bugs. They are a real problem in the spring and summer. Michael did some research and found that if you fertilize squash on the plants (miracle gro for example), the bugs are attracted to the nitrogen on the plants – worsening the problem. So, we're installing fertigation connections to the Field 2 north in-ground bed irrigation. That way we can fertilize through our drip zones.



War Zone: Huh? Yeah, war zone. We've gotten a beachhead established and moving inland. Can you tell what's been retaken from the blackberries and what hasn't? Thank you Elise and Dave! They've done most of the heavy lifting.

Virtual Garden Tour

Potatoes: Last month I'd reported we planted fall potatoes, but they hadn't come up yet and we had high hopes. Well, hopes were dashed. None came up so we went looking for why. We couldn't find a seed potato. Apparently, they rotted in the ground.



Tomatoes: The tomatoes are starting to ripen. In the tours that I've given this month, people seem to be really impressed with the fall crop. There is a lot of tomatoes in both the field and the tunnel. Hope the weather cooperates so we can get most of it harvested before they freeze. Otherwise, someone's going to be eating a lot of fried green tomatoes.

Peppers: As the weather cools, God's creative design becomes apparent. These peppers seem to know that time is about up, and



they're ripening about as fast as we can pick them (and we pick a lot). These plants were loaded with red fruits just about every time we went out to pick.



Yellow and Zucchini Squash: We've been harvesting squash every harvest day, and boy have they produced (see harvest totals below). But the cooler weather has them slowed way down now. Their time is about up, and they're the next target to make it to the compost pile.

Cucumbers: They're harvested, pulled, and on the compost pile.

Trellis removal and storage is next on the list.

Bitter Melon: The gift that just keeps on giving... and giving.... and giving.

Oriental Yard Long Green Beans: Vines stripped, ready for removal and composted.

Carrots: This pic is of the Napoli carrots I'd just planted last month. I've backed them up with nine additional beds of Bolero carrots in Field 2 beds.



Korean Radish: Took this pic of a Korean radish Michael planted. He says it's a Daikon radish that Kimchi is made of. He and Ellen made some one Saturday and fed us after the harvest. First weekend was mustard greens over rice. Last Saturday was kimchi and/or mustard over rice. Yummy! About 2/3 of this radish is below ground, and the diameter of this handsome specimen is about tennis ball to baseball. Sorry, it's not a good pic, but didn't want to pull it to wind up throwing it away.



Lettuce: What a difference a month can make in the growth of romaine lettuce. Kinda makes me hungry for a salad...



Watermelon: We're harvesting the last of the watermelons. The 34 degree frost the other day settled into Field 3 and 4 and took the vines out. It's real easy to see the melons to harvest.



Beets: Been on the list to harvest this month. Here's a real nice one.



Cole Crops: The cole crops are coming right along nicely. The cabbage is just beginning to form heads, the broccoli is too. The cauliflower is, well, cauliflowering.



Volunteer Report

January 01 to October 31, 2021		
MONTH	HOURS	# Vol.
JANUARY 2021	1101.25	392.00
FEBRUARY 2021	682.00	239.00
MARCH 2021	1359.50	462.00
APRIL 2021	1154.50	409.00
MAY 2021	1048.50	309.00
JUNE 2021	1235.25	404.00
JULY 2021	1205.00	475.00
AUGUST 2021	1156.00	536.00
SEPTEMBER 2021	1279.25	612.00
OCTOBER 2021	1614.00	633.00
TOTALS:	11835.25	4471.00

January 01 to October 20, 2022		
MONTH	HOURS	# Vol.
JANUARY 2022	701.75	254.00
FEBRUARY 2022	756.75	295.00
MARCH 2022	1583.75	594.00
APRIL 2022	1448.50	564.00
MAY 2022	884.25	383.00
JUNE 2022	1096.75	460.00
JULY 2022	1195.25	495.00
AUGUST 2022	1022.25	404.00
SEPTEMBER 2022	1501.00	534.00
OCTOBER 2022	1047.25	419.00
TOTALS:	11237.50	4402.00

95%

98%

Same report as last month, volunteerism continues to be strong, though flat to last year. Lots of people coming out for a first time. Many are astonished at the garden, what is growing, how much is growing, given the hard summer and fall we're having. One master gardener said she'd heard of Shiloh Field last year during her internship but never made it out. Now that she has been, she's kicking herself for not coming out sooner! She'll be back. Yep, she'll be back.

Sam's Club made a visit, UNT Women's Basketball, both college TAMS, Mormon missionaries, master gardeners, Helping Hands, YSML, and more. Many more!



Denton Sam's Club



Bitter Melon Brigade
(Having Fun)



Harvesting Peppers

Harvest Report

January 01 to October 31, 2021		
MONTH	HARVEST TOTALS	EGGS
JANUARY 2021	725.00	63.00
FEBRUARY 2021	513.50	66.00
MARCH 2021	1318.25	223.00
APRIL 2021	3264.75	259.00
MAY 2021	9240.75	281.00
JUNE 2021	9220.00	234.00
JULY 2021	10650.00	202.00
AUGUST 2021	7817.00	160.00
SEPTEMBER 2021	3500.50	224.00
OCTOBER 2021	3379.00	*****
TOTALS:	49628.75	1712.00

January 01 to October 20, 2022		
MONTH	HARVEST TOTALS	EGGS
JANUARY 2022	831.00	*****
FEBRUARY 2022	0.00	*****
MARCH 2022	1,231.00	*****
APRIL 2022	2,043.75	*****
MAY 2022	3,022.25	*****
JUNE 2022	8,877.25	*****
JULY 2022	3,588.25	*****
AUGUST 2022	3,801.50	*****
SEPTEMBER 2022	11,745.25	*****
OCTOBER 2022	8,572.75	*****
TOTALS:	43,713.00	*****

88%

This month we've climbed another 18% to last year. Me likes it, a lot! If you would have told me we'd be over 43,000 lbs. in October, I'd have laughed (inwardly, at least). Sure am glad God's in control and not me.

Veg. by Veg.

January 01 to October 20, 2022		
PRODUCE	YTD 2021	YTD 2022
Asparagus	9.00	0.00
Beets	1,195.25	678.25
Bitter Melon	0.00	2,790.75

Blackberries	1,365.00	310.25
Bok Choy	6.00	307.00
Broccoli	211.25	0.00
Broccoli, Romanesco	21.50	0.00
Brussel Sprouts	16.00	0.00
Cabbage	642.50	392.50
Cabbage, Asian	1,882.50	424.50
Cabbage, Napa	0.00	572.50
Cantaloupe	2,784.50	1,677.00
Carrots	2,750.25	114.25
Cauliflower	105.25	25.75
Chard	442.00	188.25
Collard Greens	451.25	43.25
Cucumbers	0.00	1,567.00
Cucumbers, Green Dragon	2,036.00	0.00
Cucumber, Manny	0.00	8.00
Cucumbers, MiniMe	495.00	543.75
Cushaw Gourd	0.00	783.50
Egg Plant	1,274.00	1,681.50
Egg Plant, Fairy tale	0.00	15.50
Leeks	24.00	0.00
Lettuce, Black Seeded Simpson	0.00	35.25
Lettuce, Butterhead	195.00	194.75
Lettuce, Mix	501.00	0.00
Lettuce, Romaine	756.00	673.50
Long Green Beans	115.50	452.25
Mustard	577.50	0.00
Mustard, Asian	0.00	301.50
Mustard, Florida Broadleaf	84.00	1,248.25
Mustard, Mizuna	183.00	496.25
Okra	2,466.00	707.50
Onions, Bunching	231.50	0.00
Onions, 1015	5,415.50	746.50
Onions, Texas Legend	4,976.50	2,075.50
Pears	212.00	604.75
Peas, Sugar Snap	2.00	126.75
Peppers, Anaheim	0.00	64.00
Peppers, Banana	1,441.50	625.75
Pepper, Bell	1,627.00	769.00
Pepper, Cayenne	0.00	7.00
Pepper, Chile	765.50	125.00
Pepper, Cubanelle	617.50	292.25
Pepper, Long Asian	414.00	0.00

Pepper, Jalapeno	431.50	155.25
Pepper, Pepperoncini	74.00	0.00
Pepper, Poblano	1,022.00	240.75
Peppers, Serrano	258.50	207.00
Pepper, Shishito	43.50	0.00
Pok Choy	0.00	97.75
Potatoes, Irish	2,019.00	1,752.25
Potatoes, Red	1,765.00	904.75
Radish, Daikon	0.00	490.25
Radish, French Breakfast	808.50	918.75
Radish, German Giant	256.00	0.00
Radish, White Icicle	0.00	195.25
Spinach	15.50	60.25
Squash, Butternut	267.00	286.50
Squash, Pumpkin	0.00	4.25
Squash, Yellow	1,063.00	6,135.50
Squash, Zucchini	810.50	5,999.00
Tomatoes	3,470.50	1,139.75
Turnips, Purple Top	10.50	35.00
Watermelon	1,021.50	3,421.50
Totals:	49,628.75	43,713.00

Visitation Report

Daniel Arenas: Nancy has been trying to get Daniel and I together to discuss rainwater harvesting. He's from Beulah Acres in Corinth. We finally made arrangements this month for a visit. He was very complimentary of our garden. Very! I like this guy, we think a lot alike (scary). Gonna have to go visit his place soon. He gave me some reference material on rainwater harvesting contractors. Got some studying to do. Probably going to set up an appointment for a proposal at some point in time.

Harbor Homeschool of Aubrey: About 8 or so kids, from kindergarden to 8th grade came for a tour (along with some parents and their teacher). Had a great time, the tour was about an hour, the kids got to pick some korean radish for harvest. Turned into a "who's got the biggest?" competition real quick. Then the tour was over, they ate lunch then had an inpromptu wromp session. Good times had by all.



Final Comments

Got two pics for you. The first one is next year's seeded onions. I used the Jang seeder so I could calculate some idea of how many seeds got planted. Growing our own sets. The bed in the foreground is 1015Ys, the other is yellow granex (another Vidalia onion variety).



We'll have to see how many germinate. The other picture is of the trays I planted onion seeds in. Five trays each. Maybe we won't have to buy any onion sets in January. That's the goal at least.

I guess this would officially start off the 2023 growing season!

Cheers,

Doug