

The 6th quarterly Gathering of Gardeners

Wednesday, August 13th 7 pm at the Aromas Grange

The Gathering of Gardeners is a chance to share skills and information to help each other become better gardeners. We gather quarterly to talk about seasonal topics and share our gardening experience with each other. As usual, there will be time for reports about ongoing projects and activities, and an opportunity to announce new ones.

This time our seasonal focus topic is going to be **TOMATOES!** Come with your questions and wisdom regarding three tomato topics:

Growing methods: What methods work best for you? Do you use tomato cages? Pruning and staking? Dry farming? How deep and when do you plant?

Pests and diseases: Bring samples of any sick plants for a potential diagnosis and treatment plan

Preservation and cooking methods: please bring copies of your favorite recipes for the share table. Maybe even samples of dried, canned, sauced, or otherwise preserved tomatoes.

As always, we'll have an abundance of cookies and time to socialize around the Share Table. Please bring anything you'd like to make available to other gardeners at the Share Table (seeds, starts, books, recipes, info, etc.) Feel free to bring more cookies and other snacks.

All gardeners are welcome!

Opportunities to participate in the Aromas Harvest Fair (9/21/14) Transition Aromas is putting together the 2014 Harvest Fair, and one of the new exhibits will be an Emergency Preparedness booth. A couple of people have already volunteered to put the booth together, but we need a few more volunteers to answer questions and hand out written information on the day of the Fair.

We envision that the booth will display several 72-hour kits, which are emergency backpacks filled with food, water, clothing, a first aid kit and other items. If you know something about 72 hour kits or emergency preparedness, and are interested in sharing your knowledge with the community, we could really use your help. If you don't know anything about emergency preparedness but want to learn, that would be fine too. Depending on the number of volunteers, you would have a 2 or 3 hour shift. For more information, or to volunteer your time, please email Kathy Roy at ojo_of_newt@hotmail.com.

There are many other ways you can participate in the Harvest Fair, before, during, or after the Fair itself. It's a terrific opportunity to be a part of a team producing a community event. Contact Wendy Elder at welder@cruzio.com to figure out what might match your interests.

Questions? Contact us at info@transitionaromas.org