

HELLO GARDENERS!

After a long, cold winter, we've finally arrived at the start of a brand new growing season so let the planting begin! As we all focus on sowing and transplanting our cool-weather crops (and flipping through the Growing Guide for spacing rules), we hope you'll take a minute to appreciate the glory of your weed-free, spring-bright garden – and share your photos with us through email or on Facebook. Have questions? Reach out to your Mentor, call us at 978.598.3723, or email staff@growingplaces.org!

YOUR FRIENDS AT GROWING PLACES



SPOTLIGHT



RIGHT NOW



FRIEND OR FOE

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Do you have what it takes to be Romanesco royalty? Romanesco broccoli has a beautiful bright lime green color and unusual spiky shape that make it a standout in the garden...if you can keep it alive long enough to see it! Could you grow this finicky garden diva from seed without it bolting and earn a place among the ranks of Growing Places' famed Romanesco royalty? GP's Executive Director Joanne is counting on passion and dedication to see her through. GP Mentor and Teaching Garden Guru Connie, takes a scientific approach, but will the weather cooperate? And Janet, GP's Program Manager, is crossing her fingers and hoping for some beginner's luck since this is her first time growing the variety. Stay tuned for updates on their progress as they vie for the Romanesco crown!

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Get inspired!

Tour [Tower Hill Botanic Garden](#) with The Roots Network June 19. Free event | Space is limited! Contact Monique to reserve your spot: Monique@growingplaces.org or call 978.598.3723 x803.

[Square Foot Gardening](#)

By Mel Bartholomew
The classic guide to gardening in small spaces with less work! Ask us how GP Gardeners and Mentors can borrow a copy from our Lending Library.

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