

HELLO GARDENERS!

High summer has arrived (just ignore all those pesky back-to-school commercials) and we hope you're enjoying tomatoes, green beans, basil and more fresh from your garden. And while it might not be fall yet, now is the perfect time to start reflecting on your fall game plan. Will you be preserving any of your harvest? Extending the season with a hoop house? Think now so that you have plenty of time to gather materials you might need. And don't forget to keep us in the loop!

Have questions? Reach out to your mentor, call us at 978.598.3723, or email staff@growingplaces.org!

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SPOTLIGHT



RIGHT NOW



FRIEND OR FOE

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Visiting our warehouse full of chicken manure and garden tools doesn't usually inspire thoughts of fine Italian dining, but these days, the aroma of delicious, drying garlic wafting out of the back room has been making us hungry! That's right—we've harvested our garlic and we're pleased to report it was a cinch to grow and did well in our standard GP soil mix. Our first and second-year gardeners have first dibs on the harvest as seed garlic to plant this fall (Call or email Janet: 978.598.3723 x802 or janet@growingplaces.org). The remainder of the harvest we'll have on sale at the Fitchburg Farmer's Market Thursdays at Lowe Park. We're there every other week. Stop by and visit us!

LOCAL COLOR



HOW TO



VEGGIE FILES



RECIPES

PICK YOUR OWN

Sholan Farms | 1125 Pleasant Street, Leominster | 978.840.3276 | sholanfarms.com
Blueberries & Raspberries: T/Th/Sa, 9am-12pm, while supplies last
Apples: Daily, 10am-5:30pm starting August 23rd!

BOOKS

Seed to Seed: Seed Saving and Growing Techniques for Vegetable Gardeners | By Barbara Ellis and Fern Marshall Bradley

Interested in saving money by saving seeds, but don't know how to get started? This is a great resource text! Ask us how GP Gardeners and Mentors can borrow a copy from our Lending Library.

POTLUCK

Summer Harvest Potluck | August 21, 4-6pm | The Fitchburg Art Museum, 25 Merriam Parkway
Join the Roots Network for a fun celebration of the summer harvest season.
Bring a favorite dish to share and contact Regina to RSVP:
978.598.3723 x804 or regina@growingplaces.org