HELLO GARDENERS!

How are your gardens faring in the early summer heat? Our broccoli and lettuce are trying to bolt—a good reminder to pay special attention to watering and pulling out competing weeds around young plants to give them a fighting chance while they establish deeper root systems. Have questions? Reach out to your mentor, call us at 978.898.3723, or email staff@growngplaces.org!

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RIGHT NOW

FRIEND OR FOE

Eradicate the weeds, or eat them! Romaine lettuce companion plants held up to the heat last week, but Saubert’s seedlings have fallen to their fervent sun immediately wilt. After a brief adjustment period, swiss chard has two healthy, 9” stems, and string mix or even the weight of their own leaves might topple them to their deaths, they’re worried. What began as sturdy sprouts have shot up to sturdy 6” seedlings now that they’ve been transplanted into the garden. Connie remains confident as ever, but beginner’s luck just might shake loose. Or perhaps Joanne, reminding her fellow competitors from the sidelines that her direct sown seeds could still germinate, will be the competition’s dark horse. Stay tuned to see who makes it through the summer heat.

LOCAL COLOR

How to Grow Vegetables Organically | Jeff Cox & the Editors of Rodale’s Organic Gardening Magazine

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VEGGIE FILES

Curious about the standings in our friendly Romanesco competition? Connie holds on to the lead for now, but Saubert’s seedlings have fallen to their fervent sun immediately wilt. After a brief adjustment period, swiss chard has two healthy, 9” stems, and string mix or even the weight of their own leaves might topple them to their deaths, they’re worried. What began as sturdy sprouts have shot up to sturdy 6” seedlings now that they’ve been transplanted into the garden. Connie remains confident as ever, but beginner’s luck just might shake loose. Or perhaps Joanne, reminding her fellow competitors from the sidelines that her direct sown seeds could still germinate, will be the competition’s dark horse. Stay tuned to see who makes it through the summer heat.

PYO BERRIES

Indian Head Farm | The slow start to strawberry season has them ripe for picking now at local Indian Head Farm, 232 Pleasant St. in Berlin. Call ahead for picking info before planning your trip: 978.838.2942. Enjoy!

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