



OVF September Newsletter

GARDEN CALENDAR

9/9 Saturday Workday 9 AM -12 noon

9/16 Board Meeting 9:30 AM

9/24 Sunday Workday 1-4 PM

10/7 Greenhouse Seedling Sale 10-11:30 AM

NOTES FROM THE OVF GREENHOUSE

I've been on a purple kick so I ordered several purple vegetable seeds: purple kohlrabi, purple cauliflower, purple broccoli, purple Napa cabbage and a purple bachelor button:



Favorite cool season vegetables will be available at the sale, including broccoli, cabbage, lettuce, sugar snap peas and kale. A complete descriptive list of the greenhouse seedlings is available here:

https://www.oceanviewfarms.net/prd/adm/_utils/greenhousewiz.php

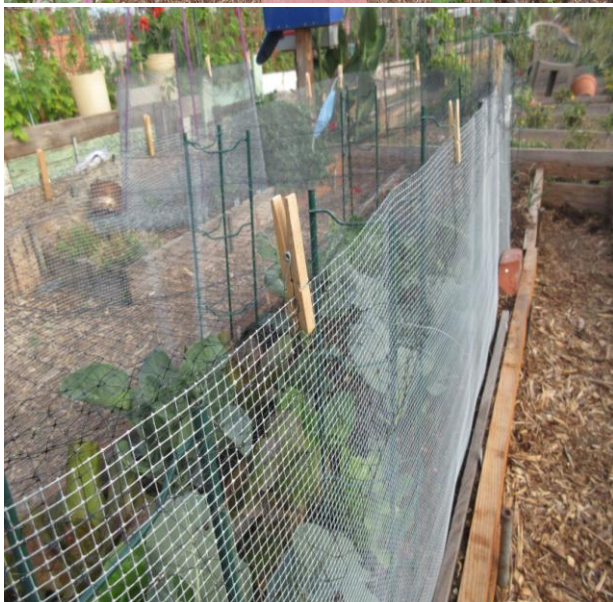
Please Return Your Pots.

If you are planning on joining in the greenhouse sale, please don't forget to return your rinsed pots back to wood bin outside the greenhouse. Reusing pots is how we can run the greenhouse in an efficient and environmentally friendly way.

AN ABUNDANCE OF RATS

I've talked with many gardeners this summer who have had many of their tomatoes and beans chomped on by rats. It's really discouraging. Usually, I have a super abundance of tomatoes to eat, preserve and share with friends, but not this year. And with many gardeners getting ready to plant broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower, we need to think about how to protect those vegetables. Barriers are one of the ways to go, as well as traps.

Here are some rat barriers seen around the garden:



To be effective, barriers need to have high sides, about 2-3' tall, and a top of bird netting or garden fabric will help. Yes, erecting barriers is a bit of work, but losing your lovingly tended vegetables to rodents is very discouraging.

If you're lucky enough to still have tomatoes, you can enclose them in mesh bags for protection.



That's all for now. Happy fall gardening!

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