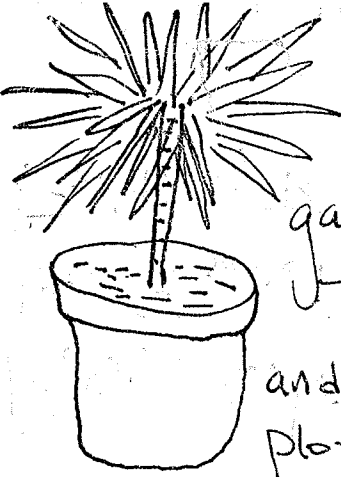



February



Has been surprisingly mild, and has left the sleeping garden visible to enjoy.

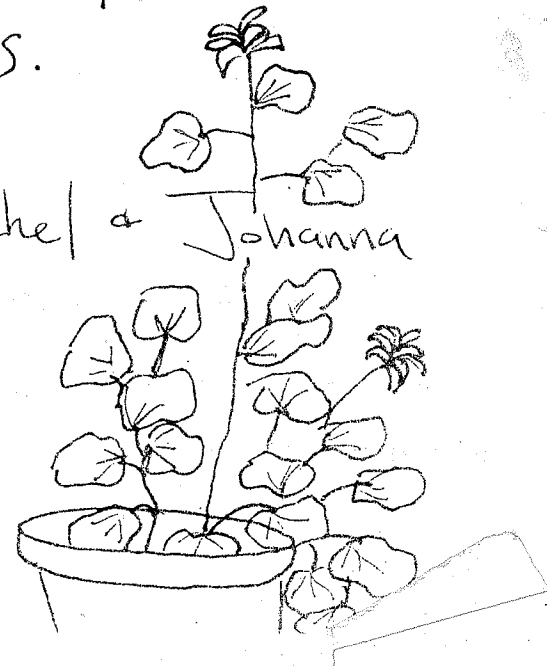
The compost is unfrozen and still usable and the plots brown + bare, moist

from the rains, uncovered by snow. It is a gift to be able to enjoy time outside in the winter, and we already look towards spring and the unmatched joy of starting seeds in the greenhouse. Please think about which veggies you were especially glad that we started last season and which ones you might like to see that we missed. Come prepared to talk seeds at this month's potluck so we can salivate over the prospect of fresh garden veggies as we chow down a delicious meal of cooked dishes. Rachel + I will share tales of our winter adventure travelling abroad and in the Pacific Northwest - and we hope to hear of yours.

Potluck 

Wednesday Feb. 15
6:30 pm

Rachel + Johanna



by the time you read this letter there will be seeds
aiming for light and life in the greenhouse on Angell
Street; this means it's

MARCH

the days are lengthening, the witch hazel trees
are blooming, and someone somewhere is tapping
sugar maple trees for syrup. recent weather trends
make the lion/lamb dichotomy seem slightly
outdated but regardless: we feel spring in our veins.
we'll be starting artichokes, onions, herbs, spinach,
kale, tomatoes, snapdragons, and more this month. these
will be available to gardeners and you can also start
your own personal favorites to put in the greenhouse for
full sun. put your name on your tray and we'll care
for them like our own. we've got organic snow peas
& sugar snaps for planting outside once the ground can
be worked, too.

the only thing more exciting than seed-
is new community garden members, which
have a few of this season. hopefully
meet them at our monthly potluck
on Wednesday, March 22nd, at 6:30 pm.

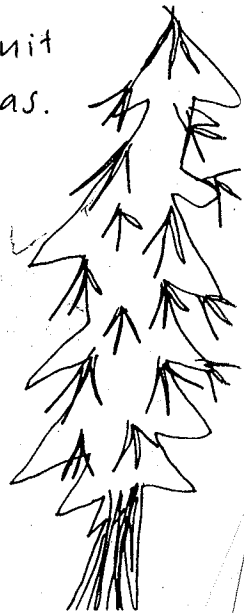
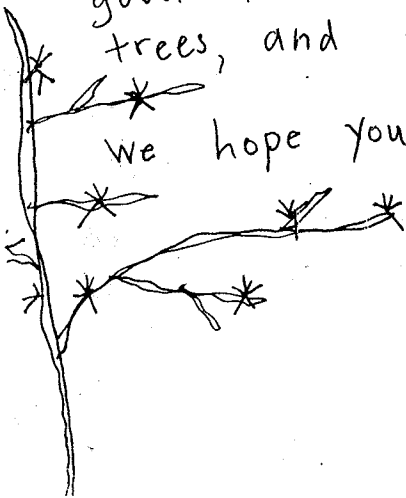


starting
we'll
you'll

please also come to our garden workday on Saturday,
March 25th from 11 am - 2 pm. it should be a
good time to pull up some old plants, prune fruit
trees, and plant some early peas. mmm...peas.

We hope you are well and enjoying late winter.

until soon,
rachel & johanna



APRIL



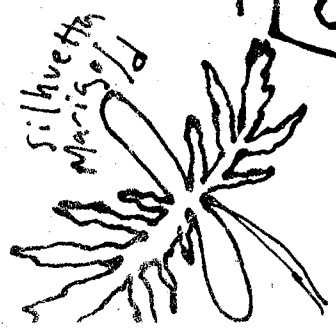
Means things start moving quickly in the garden. Peas, carrots, radishes will soon be ready to be sown into the early Spring soil; the finished compost is slowly thawing out & robins are flocking to pluck out the worms. The greenhouse has been taken over by dozens of seedlings - a plethora of marigolds, calendula, heirloom tomatoes, okra, dinosaur kale, listada eggplant, king richard leeks, Chinese cabbage, spinach, parsley and more - all seedlings started for use in your plots, plus more for garden friends & your friends with gardens. We've been busy pruning & prepping & composting the perimeter beds, planters in anticipation of hardy plantings & welcome perennials. Please come out for our

first Spring potluck + workday

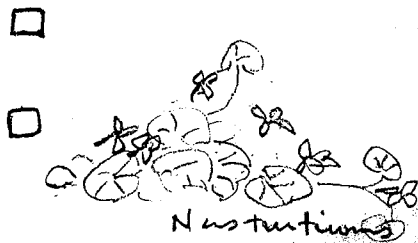
4/20 · Thursday · 6:30pm

Johanna & Rachel

4/23 · Sunday · 11-2pm



JUNE



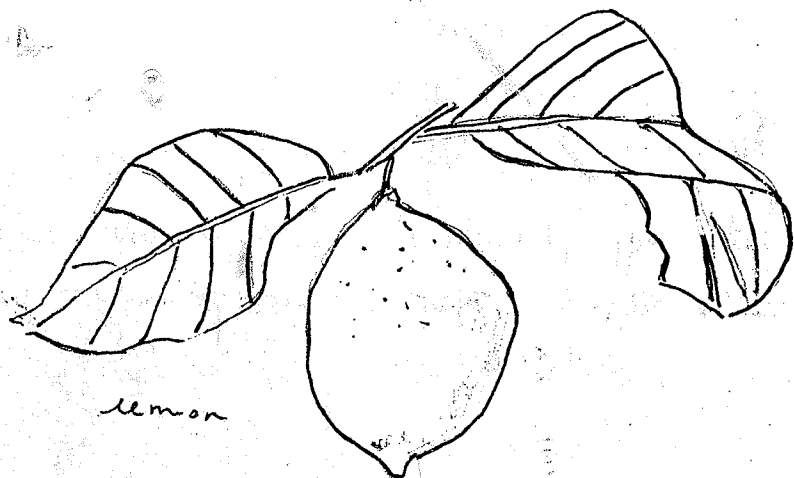
The long, hot, and sun-drenched days that define June have arrived. The garden's plants are well underway, with the petunias bursting in color, verdant arugula gushing out of the ground, and the wild strawberry plants already rearing their familiar red fruit. Soon to follow suit we can expect the dill to grow tall and lanky, the flushed amaranth to glisten with shades of green and the roses - which, with honeysuckle, are June's birth flowers - to start blooming. Alongside the plants, the days will be growing, peaking on Wednesday, June 21st with the summer solstice - which is not only the first day of summer, but also the date of this month's potluck, which will be held at 6:30pm. June also brings with it the aptly named full strawberry moon, which will occur on Sunday the 11th - marking the first of this month's work days. We will also be holding a second workday on Saturday June 24th.

Marking the official start of the new season, summer, June is additionally the first month with us, your new coordinators: Camden, lover of nasturtiums, rocket, and rosemary; and Remy, enthusiast of impatiens, chamomile, and blueberries. We look forward to seeing you!

POTLUCK: Wednesday, June 21st
6:30pm

WORK DAY: Sunday, June 11th
Saturday, June 24th
2:00 - 5:00pm

It is the month of June,
The month of leaves and roses,
When pleasant sights salute the eyes,
And pleasant scents the noses.
~ Nathaniel Parker Willis

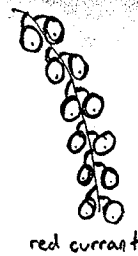


lemon



cherry

JULY



red currant

July is a month for ripening and maturing. Raspberries, blackberries, strawberries and currants are warming and darkening in the sun; nasturtiums are finally sprawling and bright along borders and walkways; grapes and tomatoes, their blossoms gone, are sending out their small green fruit. July is the month for dinner after sundown with the windows open and a bottle of wine. Meals are simple, hors d'oeuvres of melon or cheese, cold salads with simple flavors and desserts of fresh fruit dressed in herbs and citrus.

You'll notice some things different in the garden since June: a new trellis for the raspberries, the grapes trimmed and tied, a bench by the grape arbor. Our garden party is also this month, and we welcome you all to enjoy a special dinner and music with us in the garden.

Cheers and bon appétit,

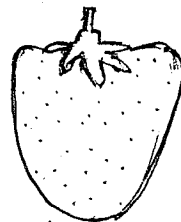
Jeremy and Camden

July 10: full back moon.

July 25: new moon.

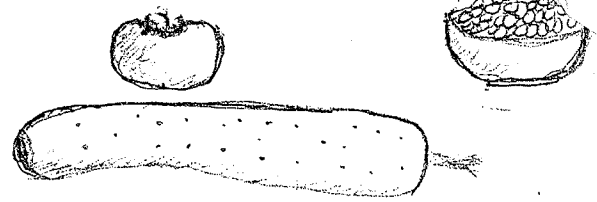
July 15: Workday from 2 to 5 p.m.

July 19



strawberry

Calendar August



After a sultry but spectacular July, we finally greet the month of August. Though bound to be hot like its forerunner, it will continue to give us what we love most about summer—drinking tea, picnics, long days, sun, and (best of all) some of the vegetables we have watched all summer with anticipation will ripen: blackberries, raspberries, blueberries, tomatoes, and cucumbers, just to name a few. Summer seems to save the best of its fruits for last.

Dates to look forward to this month are Saturday August 12th and Sunday August 20th, which will be our work days (2:00 pm - 5:00 pm). We will end the month with a potluck on the 30th, which will start at 6:30.

But there are other interesting dates to look for this month. The night of August 9th you can see the Full Sturgeon Moon, named after the beautiful catches of sturgeon that fishermen have traditionally brought home this month. Only two days later, August 11th, marks the end of the "Dog Days of Summer," which are often the hottest days of the year. The strange name originated with the Romans. They saw that the star Sirius (commonly called the Dog Star) was the brightest star of the Canis Major (Big Dog) constellation. During the "Dog Days of Summer," this star rises and sets with the sun, deducing from the Dog Star's brightness that it must also be very hot, they attributed the characteristically hot weather experienced in July and August to the combined power of the sun and the Dog Star.

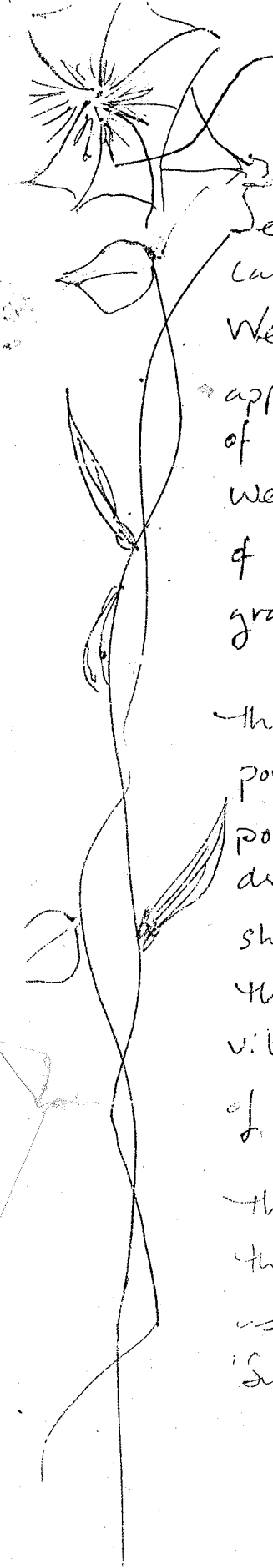
Anyway, we hope to see you around the garden, and please join us for our monthly potluck!

Late August, given heavy rain and sun
For a full week, the blackberries would ripen.
At first, just one, a glossy purple clot
Among others, red, green, hard as a knot.
You ate that first one and its flesh was sweet
Like thickened wine: summer's blood was in it
Leaving stains upon the tongue and lust for
Picking. Then red ones inked up and that hunger
Sent us out with milk cans, pea tins, jam-pots
Where priors scratched and wet grass bleached our boots

Work Days: Sat. Aug. 12
Sun Aug. 20
(2:00-5:00)
Potluck: Wed. Aug. 30.
(6:30 pm)

(From "Blackberry-picking" by Seamus Heaney)

SEPTEMBER



September is the seventh month of the old calendar. It is for days of light and dark. We hover on the edge of summer but we feel, approaching, the possibility of fall, of hurricanes, of colder weather and the things that spell winter. We hold on to summer, we preserve what remains of the stretching days of August, and under the gray skies, we harvest.

This September will bring figs, grapes, tomatoes, pounds of crisp, velvety kale and chard, squash, potatoes, apples. The morning glories outside on the driveway fence are taking hold of the ivy and showing their deep blossoms: the garden is in the final heekers throes of its season, thriving and vibrant. Come enjoy the garden, and the beginning of a quieter season.

This month we will celebrate the harvest with the garden potluck on Weds, the 20th at 6:30 as usual. Workdays will be held Sat. the 9th and Sun. the 17th from 2 to 5 p.m.

Happy Harvest!

Camden, Jeremy & Jo

POTLUCK: Sept 20, 6:30 p.m.

WORKDAYS: Sept 9 and 17, from 2-5 p.m.





October ⁽²⁰⁰⁶⁾

✓ Workday:
Saturday 21st; 12:00-3:00
✓ Potluck:
Wednesday 25th; 6:30

We have parted with summer, and with it we must give up some of the pleasures only it can afford — warm weather, pleasant evenings, and berry pies, just to name a few. But we have not been left empty-handed. The energy of summer does not fade so much as it bursts in one grand finale — the skies become deep and impenetrable and the verdant hues that defined summer give way to the vibrant autumn colors of autumn. October is here to deliver these gifts.

Some dates to look forward to this month are Saturday the 21st, which will be our work day from noon to 3:00, and Wednesday the 25th, the date of our potluck (which, as usual, will begin at 6:30). Another event to keep your eye out for is the Harvest Moon, which will occur on October 6th this year. The Harvest Moon gets its name from the fact that on this day farmers, who had been racing against days of dwindling sunlight would be able to continue harvesting well into the night due to the bright glow of this full moon.

We hope to see you around the garden, and as always, we're looking forward to another potluck!

Camden + Jeremy

NOVEMBER

The familiar chill that is so distinctive of autumn has set in. Now is the time of year for enjoying evenings reading by the fireplace, baking, warm cider, pumpkin pie, and, of course, any lingering Halloween candy. As we prepare for winter, autumn continues to provide us with what makes it so great: the last of the trees' leaves are turning, apple season is still in full swing, and there are pumpkins and squash aplenty.

Come join us this month for our potluck on November 15, starting at 6:00.

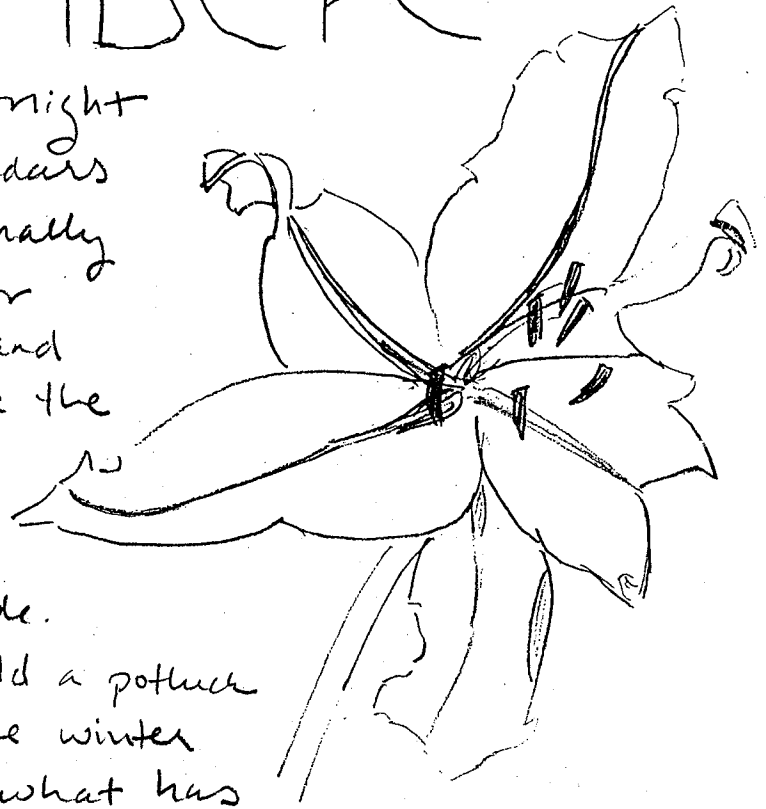
This month's work day will be on the 19th, starting at noon and going until 3:00.

See you soon

Cemden + Jeremy

DECEMBER

Though it feels like it might still be September, the calendars tell us that December is finally here. It's the time of year for merriment and celebration, and while the garden might not be the first thing on our minds, we can still gather for mirth and merrymaking - even if father winter is late to join the table.



This month we will hold a potluck in hopes of truly welcoming the winter season and bidding farewell what has been a wonderful year. We will also be having a garden closing day for those of us who haven't yet put our plots to bed for the winter. We hope to see you for both!

potluck: December 13, Weds.
6:00 p.m.

workday to close the garden.

December 17 (Sunday)

12 noon - 3 p.m.

winter solstice:

Dec. 21

Happy wintering ~

Jeremy, Jo
+ Camden

[These next 2 weeks are also ideal for forcing bulbs, like paperwhites and amaryllis.]