

Local Dirt

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The Newsletter of the Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative

Member Gardens:

Berkeley Alternative High School
Berkeley Youth Alternative's Garden Patch
Ecohouse
The Edible Schoolyard
Karl Linn Com. Garden
Northside Com. Garden
LeConte School Farm & Garden
Malcolm X School Garden
Ohlone Community Garden
Oxford School Garden
People's Park Garden
Peralta Com. Garden
Spiral Gardens
Strong Roots Gardens
U.C. Berkeley Student Garden
Willard Greening Project
Washington School Garden

Affiliates and Supporters:

Alameda Co. Food Bank
Americorps
American Community Gardening Association
Berkeley Ecology Center
CALCorps
Center for Ecoliteracy
City of Berkeley
Occidental Ecology Center
West Berkeley Neighborhood Development Corp

**Next Meeting: Monday
March 24th, 6-8 pm**

Speaker: Karl Linn
"Community Gardens Becoming Neighborhood Commons," slide presentation about community gardens as vital neighborhood meeting places.

The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley

Potluck (drinks provided)

***Happy Birthday
Karl!***

***We celebrate you being
80 years young this
month. You are an
inspiration to us all!***

Compost Delivery: On the last Friday of the month, compost is delivered by B.C.G.C. to school & community gardens. Call 883-9096 to get on the list.



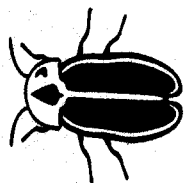
Spring Plant Sale!
At U. C. Botanical Garden
Friday, April 25, 5 – 7:30 pm
members only: Sat. April 26,
10 – 2, Free admission to all.

Earth Day Celebration

Join the festivities on Saturday,
April 19th, at the Civic Center
Park, Center Street & MLK Jr.
Way, right behind the City Hall.

Family Farm Day will be
sponsored by the Ecology Center
and the Community Alliance with
Family Farms (CAFF), and will
feature hands-on farm displays,
farm animals, farmers' talks, and
wool spinning.

Never too early to put this date
on your calendar: Strawberry
Tastings: Sat. May 17 & Tues.
May 20. (Did you know that un-
organic strawberries usually are
sprayed with 17 !!! different
chemicals to make them look
"picutre perfect?")



Happy 125th Birthday to Berkeley! One of the celebrations will be on the lawn in front of the old City Hall building on MLK Jr. Way, where people will gather to have their photo taken with other Berkeleyites: teachers, parents, politicians, community gardeners, children, dogs on leashes, plumbers, administrators, restaurateurs, electricians, recyclers, etc.

Who is Joe Gardener? Who is Granny Smith?

The Food Policy Council of Berkeley would like to help "would-be-gardeners" (whom we'll call Joe Gardener) find unused land in their neighborhoods to grow vegetables, berries, and herbs. Often there is a home owner (whom we'll call Granny Smith) who has a backyard, that for one reason or another (age, too busy, illness, etc.) is under utilized. The Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative and the B. Health Dept. would like to get Joe Gardener and Granny Smith together! A certain amount of trust between the two people is most important. In exchange for the use of the land, and free water, Granny Smith would receive half of whatever Joe Gardener grows during the year. If you have a backyard available, or know of a neighborhood group we could come to talk to about this project, please call Beebo Turman (staff person for B.C.G.C.) at 883-9096, or Kate Clayton (B. Health Dept.) at 981-5314.

The Opening of the new "Ferry Plaza Farmers' Market": April 26, 2003

CUESA (the Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture) is proud to announce the first market at the Ferry Building, which is finally finished with the long process of restoration and renovation. This achievement has been ten years in the planning stage. The same wonderful stalls, full of fresh vegetables, flowers, fruits, fish, and baking goods will be displayed under a new skylight, with some stalls in the back of the building in the open air. Come shop with Chef Randy Windham! The market is open on Saturdays from 8:00 – 2:00, Tuesdays from 10:00 – 2:00, and Thursdays from 3:00 – 7:00. Take BART or MUNI if it's convenient.



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Everybody Walks in Berkeley!
The first Wednesday of every
Month is a time to find a way to
Put a little walking into your day.
April 2nd is the kickoff event!

March is National Nutrition Month

To celebrate food and nutrition in our lives, for ourselves and for our families, on March 18 and March 25 (Tuesdays) there will be cooking demonstrations at the Berkeley Farmers' Markets, as well as free recipes, food, games, and delicious tastings. Come to Derby Street at MKL Jr. Way, between 2 – 7 pm.

Free Compost!

Saturday, March 22, 10 – 3
At the Berkeley Farmers' Market.
Please bring your own buckets (2) or bags.

Sponsored by the Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative and the
City of Berkeley's Recycling Center