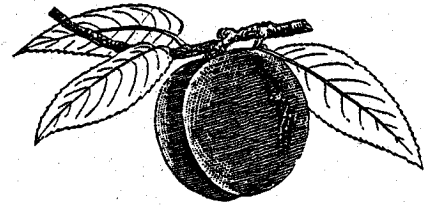


# Local Dirt

May 21, 2001

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 Garden  
Northside/Peralta Gardens  
LeConte School Farm & Garden  
Malcolm X School Garden  
Ohlone Community Garden  
Oxford School Garden  
People's Park 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  
The Food Systems Project  
CALCorps  
Center for Ecoliteracy  
City of Berkeley  
Occidental Ecology Center  
West Berkeley Neighborhood Development Corp



*Next Meeting:*

*June 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday*

*6:00 pm*

*Potluck Supper, at*

*the Peralta Garden*

*(Peralta & Hopkins Street)*

*Please take a minute and fill out the enclosed, self-addressed, post-card. We are updating our mailing list after 6 years, and we need to know who would still like to receive our Newsletter. No need to send the card back if you don't wish to be on our mailing list.*

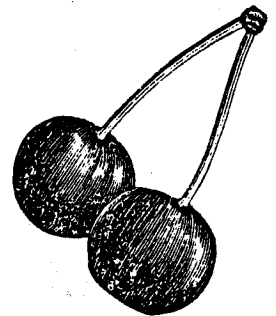
## School Gardens

Thank you B.U.S.D. and the many individuals who made school gardens a priority in the past two years! We now have a "Garden In Every School," which was just a dream a few short years ago. New gardens at: John Muir School, Longfellow Middle School, Washington School, Emerson School, Cragmont School, and soon to be at Thousand Oaks and City of Franklin Schools. If you live near a school garden, please keep an eye on the plants, the playing children, and help water if you can.

## Mercado/Sunday Market Begins!

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 5 pm  
University Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Art, Crafts and a variety of other items, as well as terrific food... anyone interested in being a vendor, please call Willie Phillips at West Berkeley Neighborhood Development Corporation, 845-4106.



The Willard Greening Project had a very successful plant sale on Mother's Day Weekend. Great work from Matt Tseng and Yolanda Huang! Also, a special visitor to the Willard Garden: a Peregrine Falcon! Never known to land along a busy city street garden before, but he was probably attracted to the abundant plant life he saw along Telegraph Avenue!

### LOCNNA (Live Oak Cordornices Creek Neighborhood Association) News Update:

After 2 or 3 years of talking, planning, meeting, and organizing the Temple Beth El new proposed building at 1301 Oxford Street has been stalled by community groups, who have appealed to the Berkeley City Council. At our last B.C.G.C. meeting (April 2<sup>nd</sup>) we voted, after a long discussion, to join that appeal process. We are appealing the Zoning Adjustments Board's decision on March 8, 2001, that approves a use permit. There are many issues involved, and the appeal document is too lengthy for this newsletter, but at our June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, I will have a summary sheet for all interested people. B.C.G.C. is joined by "Friends of Five Creeks," "International Rivers Network," "Golden Gate Audubon Society," "The Sierra Club," "Eco-City Builders," "the Berkeley Eco-House," and many others.

## Berkeley's Farmers Markets

Summer hours: MLK Way & Derby Street: Tuesdays, 2 – 7 pm  
MLK Way & Center Street: Saturdays, 10 – 3 pm

JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup> : Summer Solstice Celebration, MUSIC & CRAFTS!  
JULY 14 & 17<sup>th</sup> : PEACH & Other Stone Fruit Tastings  
AUGUST 4 & 7<sup>th</sup> : TOMATO Tastings  
AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup> : CAJUN & More Festival: live bands, crafts, dance, etc

## BAY AREA COALITION for URBAN AGRICULTURE

B.A.C.U.A. will have an event on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 – 3 pm at the Gil Track, Albany (at the end of Marin Ave. and San Pablo Ave.) Please come to enjoy the garden, the new community of 25 families who are participating in comparison gardening with Miguel Alteri, and the food. Children and Parents, dogs on leashes, and Friends: Come!

## Towards Larger Dreams at the Edible Schoolyard!

The long-planned reconstruction, restoration, and retro-fitting work for earthquake preparedness, has begun at King Middle School. The basketball field area has been torn up to make way for all the portable buildings. These portables will accommodate the classes that must vacate their old building. A small portion of the garden had to be taken away to make an access road for the current work. But this road will also be necessary when the school builds the new kitchen/dining room/cooking classes facility, so in the long run this is a positive step. The Edible Schoolyard kitchen will move to the green portables at the end of the garden, and Esther says it will be great to have the cooking classes so close to the growing vegetables and fruits. Kelsey, Amanda, and Kyle and the other teachers and students have been wonderful about adjusting to all the noise and dust. We commend you folks at King!



# B, C, G, C, News

April 2<sup>nd</sup> B.C.G.C. Meeting: It was decided that we would support the Eco-City Builders Amendment to the Berkeley General Plan. But, we would endorse the "Amendment" only with our amendment! Therefore, a small sub-committee was formed to write our additions. This is in the process of being revised, and will be submitted to our larger group at our June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please come and join the discussion, before we send it to the folks at Eco-City Builders. Thanks.

## Strong Roots News

Under the leadership of Shyaam Shabaka, Beebo Turman, and Kenoli Olinari, the Strong Roots Garden at Harmon and Sacramento Streets is being restored to its last summer's greatness. A couple of Work Days have been held to clear out weeds, and plant new beds. We need more volunteers! Young and Old! There is still a lot to be done. Call Shyaam (329-1314), or Beebo (527-3773), or Kenoli (601-8217) to get involved.

## SANTA FE BAR AND GRILL GIVES A CLASS IN URBAN GARDENING

THESE ARE BAD PLACES  
FOR A GARDEN IN  
THE CITY.

1. ON A BUS
2. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STR
3. IN YOUR CLOSET
4. A LAUNDROMAT
5. THE HOOD OF YOUR CAR

