Focus Group Meeting

Minutes 6/29/12

Thanks to Tom and Nancy Kalal for hosting a wonderful visit to Cranberry Meadow Farm! What an educational and fun time!! Pictures have been posted to <http://cmgcommunitygarden.ning.com/photo/albums/cranberry-meadow-farm-june-29-2019>. Present: Chaleen Abely, Tad Bartles, Lois Bukowiec, Jamie Burgess, John Carlson, Marsha Dowling, Marisa Fede, Chantal Foster, Maureen Gillis, Tim Grilley, Kate Hull, Tom Kalal, Susan Logatto, Fern Martin, Vicky McCarthy, Karen Rottner, Sherry Van Liere, Jim Woodworth and Interns Flora Drapeau and Alexandra French

Recording Hours: It is critical for the MG Program that everyone record hours on the UConn website.  The address is <http://www.uconnmastergardeners.com>.  Please use a registration code the first time you login.  The code is midd727. After that, log in with your email and password. Key information is: date; type of activity; hours; number of contacts. Other info such as mileage is for your personal use (tax deductions). All activity should be logged, such as these Focus Group meetings.

Status of Garden

* Observations re: crops/weeds/needs
	+ Peas inconsistent in flavor and shape (Weather...too hot early on? Positioning (ones exposed more seem to be worse? Watering inconsistent? Too old when harvested? Variety might be a factor, but not based on experience with same varieties in our own gardens)
	+ Composting Veg scraps from SVDP
		- Chantal is now picking up for composting
		- Chaleen will pick up 7/5-7/15 while Chantal is away; Chantal will let Mandy know
	+ Next year: mulch cold frame when planting summer crops, as there were many weeds and it was dry
* To Do in the coming weeks:
	+ Cut pea vines and compost in left bin
	+ Put up cuke trellises (once vines cut) in back of cukes (trellises are near Rubbermaid shed)
	+ Harvest Garlic and cure (Marisa)
	+ Screen compost (Fern to build screen) and apply outside fence after garlic harvest
	+ Move rain gauge (Fern) (post is preventing accurate reading)
	+ Mulch in the cold frame (Chantal, others...whoever gets there)

Vicky discussed having MGS volunteer Tuesdays at Larry Owens’ Garden (in Middletown); she’ll send directions. Focus is on children. She’ll set up a reciprocal event, having them visit like we had with the Burmese boy scouts and then visiting their garden.