

CUMBERLAND MONASTERY GARDEN AT THE GAZEBO--2010

The following is a list of meeting dates for this Master Gardener Community Project.

- * All dates start at 9 AM.
- * Please be sure you wear your URI Master Gardener Pin at all times.
- * Bring your own tools with your name written on them.

- March 27: **Introduction to the Garden and general clean up.**
 Composting: Claire Chenevert will discuss proper use of our new bin.
- April 17: **Pruning:** We'll show the proper use of tools and how to make a good cut.
 The conifers around the pond were planted too close together. Each year we need to
 prune them otherwise the smaller trees do not get enough sunlight.
- Soil Testing.** See how soil testing is done and learn how to amend the soil to produce a
 flourishing garden. You are welcome to bring one or two soil samples to test the pH.
- May 1: **Plant Annuals:** Each year we try something new.
- Discussion of Chrysanthemums:**
 This season we'll learn the history and planting requirements for these Asian plants.
 We'll plant different cultivars and watch how they grow. We'll plant zone 4 & 5 plants.
 Next year we'll see which cultivars return. The goal is to show the public that
 purchasing those "mums on steroids" each fall isn't necessary.
 Mums are very easy to propagate by cuttings. Later in the season we'll do this.
- May 22: This is the **Plant Sale Day.** Open to the public. You'll be needed to help with
 the "Information Kiosk" and soil testing and sales.
 Local garden clubs will join us with their own plant sales.
- June 19: * **Pinch Back Chrysanthemums for the last time.**
 * **Discussion of Vermiculture.** Claire Chenevert, Co-coordinator of the project,
 will tell us about the importance of worms in the garden and how to raise worms
 and use the castings for fertilizer. Claire will bring along her pet worms.
- July 17: **Take cuttings from Chrysanthemums:** We'll show you the correct way to do it.
 Bring along a 4" or 6" pot.
- August 14: **Weed control.** We'll talk about weed identification. We have "over planted"
 this garden, which keeps down the weeds, however we still have some.
 Last year we tested organic & chemical herbicides and vinegar on the weeds.
 Due to rainy conditions, the results were inconclusive. We'll try this again.
- September 18: **Dividing Perennials:** Learn the proper way to dig and split.
 Evaluating Chrysanthemum Cultivars: We'll rate the plants.
- October 16: **Putting the Garden to Bed.** Not all plants need to be cut down. We'll show you
 what to leave.

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Date cancellations: We don't work in the rain. What is rain? If it's summer and misting, that is not rain. Rain is when you need an umbrella. Weeding is always easier in light rain.

Work Schedule: You are welcome to go to the garden to work anytime. Please contact the project leaders after you go and relate what you did and how the garden looked and/or any problems.

For more information about the project, please call:
Terri Melvin (658-3342) or Claire Chenevert (333-4247)

The **Cumberland Monastery** is located on 1464 Diamond Hill Road (RT. 114)
Take Rt. 295 north to exit 11 turn right onto Diamond Hill Rd. go about 1 mile.
The Monastery is on the right. Follow long driveway straight and bear right---see **Library** on left.
Continue along the driveway until you see the Gazebo and Gardens at the rear of the property behind the Library building. Parking is available at the Garden/Gazebo.

The Town of Cumberland appreciates our work.
Thank you for helping to keep this learning garden growing.