

Starting a Church Garden Project



This is what we are aiming for.



- One third to one half of the classes are from the community.
- It is a great way to make friends. Studies have shown that visitors to churches need to connect with 15 people to keep coming.
- Students are introduced to God's way of gardening.
- After an evangelistic series there were 35 baptisms and 22 said they made their decision after attending several other classes such as gardening and CHIP.

5 of these friends are from the community



Each signed up to bring plants.
Lynn is saying “I don’t think this will survive”. REALLY?



And probably not the styrofoam cup with a rootbound sickly plant either. BUT – look what happened!



Let's talk about advertising

Free Gardening Class

*Fresno Central Valley SDA Church
3901 E. Clinton Avenue, Fresno, CA
Tuesday nights at 6:00 pm*

- *Double digging method for hearty growth.*
- *How to form rows to eliminate weeds, retain water and fertilizers.*
- *Plant a tomato plant that yields 100 lbs. on one plant.*
- *Plant a tree that grows 300% faster and larger than regular plantings.*
- *The best methods of organic fertilizer.*
- *Use ocean water to create foods that heal.*



*For more information call:
Church Office (559)
Henry Pombo (559)*

Ad in the Bulletin

1 x week for 6 weeks

YOU ARE INVITED to join the Central Valley SDA Church Garden Class. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Short lecture then hands on in the garden. Invite your friends and neighbors and take home the best produce you've ever tasted. Contact: Henry Pombo (559-.....)

FREE GARDEN CLASS starting March 13, 2014. Invite your friends and neighbors and enjoy the best tomatoes you've ever tasted. Cucumbers, beets, corn, and melons too. Contact: The church office (559) Or Henry Pombo (559)

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Invite your friends and neighbors to join this FREE garden class. Tithe the produce to Community Services and take home the rest. For more information call the church office or Henry Pombo (559)

FIRST CLASS

- Sign in sheet. Name, phone, email
- Greet everyone
- Start with prayer asking God for instruction.
- Handout for lecture.
- Short lecture (10 min.) on preparing the soil and fertilizers - then assignments.
- Start by preparing the soil for planting.

Start with a short lecture



Preparing The Soil and Adding Amendments



Forming the Rows



Planting Seeds and Seedlings



First Harvest

Zucchini, Sugar Snap Peas, Cucumbers with Hummus



Potlucks & Taste Testing

These girls ate almost all the carrots from the ocean water row
(Vegan Cupcakes)



No age limit



What to expect at harvesting

- Suggest tithing the garden. Have everyone pick and place the produce on a table. Sort (and maybe wash). This may require some supervision. Some may pick just for themselves and go home.
- Choose approximately 20% to tithe. Have class share the rest. Sometimes this needs supervision. We have given the tithe to Community Services or someone we know is in need or is sick.

Harvesting and Tithing



God's abundance



Questions and Answers

