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Green Thoughts

Conversations and ideas about growing at The Spring Gardens

We are coming to the end of July. The flowers are showing off. How spectacular some of them are. The vegetable harvests have been plentiful. We will keep most of our analytical thoughts to ourselves and show what has been wrought by Nature at the Gardens. The colorful floral varieties! The straight-from-the-farm edibles! So far it has been a fine year for tomatoes. Some

Blooming

of us haven't watered the tomato plants since they were planted. There has been no splitting of the fruit. We'll see how long the plants last and how

Harvesting

well they produce. There was a recent 8-day heat wave where the high temperatures were in the upper 90s, the humidity has been very high but there was very little rain. Whenever possible we tried to get out early to work on our plots.

What follows is a photographic sampling of the beauty and bounty of the Spring Gardens in mid-summer.







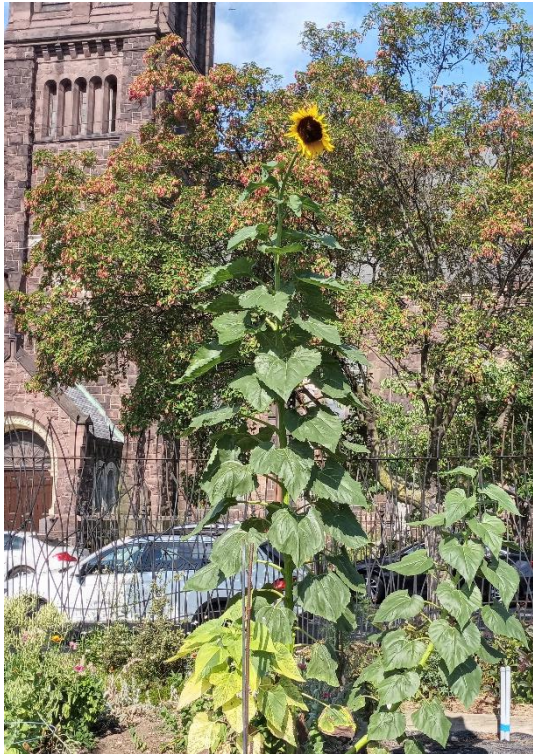
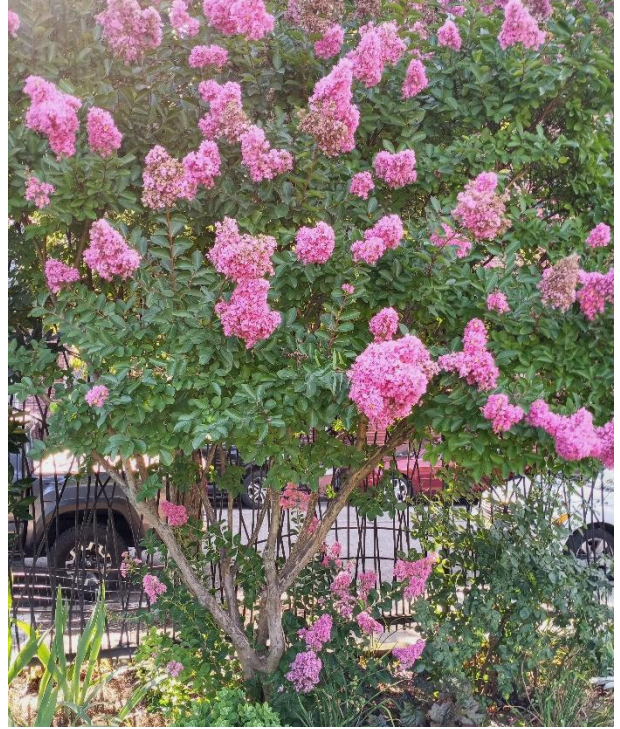
Where's Waldo?



edible flowers











Up on bee hill in the northeast corner of TSG is a newly introduced wooden beehive of the Langstroth variety. It is somewhat obscured by vegetation. It is to the right of the hive that has been there for the past few years (you can see the legs of the old hive on the left).

The Langstroth hive has already been occupied by some feral bees that have been streaming in and out. If you squint you can see a bee ready to enter the hive (yellow arrow). The other hive is not yet occupied. The rent is too high?



Some Veggies









one plots' one day tomato harvest



harvest from one small seed potato



2 year old grandson Hero foraging for strawberries in grandparent's plot. A strawberry is in each hand and dried strawberry juice is on his chin. Dad Nick to the right.

Please send your ideas, thoughts, suggestions and observations to:
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Correction: in a previous issue of Green Thoughts we wrote that the plastic membrane between the rock substrate below and the fines above was water impermeable. No, it is permeable to water. Which makes more sense.....

