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Hello Fellow Gardeners,

Well, spring is on the way with its longer days, higher lows. It is time to dream of the gardening delights that you will create next summer. I must start writing all the good ideas down and then go back and edit out the outlandish, *what-was-I-thinking?* sort of thing, put the do-able together with the probable and then be realistic about exactly what I will accomplish.

My name finally reached the top in the community garden program this year; I will no longer be limited to what will grow in the flower gardens on the south side of my house which is also the front yard. I did get some lovely tomatoes from the bed with my semi-fringed leaf peony and bee balm and I have no pest problems so it worked quite well. But some other produce would be nice. Squash and pumpkins would be nice, too, but they would be thugs among my lilies. I have done carrots and their foliage blends in well but I think I want more. So I will try Napa cabbage which isn't a cabbage but a type of a turnip/rutabaga type plant.

I won as a door prize a blue ceramic object in which you insert three bamboo poles to make a tripod. I think it should look very good with blue morning glories climbing the poles.

These seem to be projects not too outlandish and do-able; only by August will I be able to find out what really worked well and what did not.

If I don't get it done the way I like there is always next year, which is why gardeners stay young and looking forward.

News Flash: the District 8 MSHS board has voted to increase the prize for the winning private garden to \$100.00 and has elected to give the garden club who nominates the winning civic garden \$50.00. The last is an incentive to garden clubs to look around their communities and nominate the gardens and receive an award.



Photo by Carol Borich

I hope to see you all at the spring meeting April 17 in Duluth.
Happy gardening to all,
Dale Hurst
President 8th District MSHS

