



## **FAQ**

### **How can I get more detailed information about the Garden?**

Most of the information is found under one of the information tabs under Mustard Seed Garden, or ask one of the Mustard seed committee members.

Committee members are:

Ardell O'Neal (Co-Chair)

Renee White (Co-Chair)

Mark Brean

Princess layne

Eric Kopp

Ann Marks

### **What kind of vegetables or flowers can I grow?**

There are seasonal vegetables with varieties that grow best in our Florida zone 9 areas. Much of this information can be found on the University of Florida's website – IFAS/vegetables, or flowers.

Choose those vegetables that you or your family likes - not everyone likes okra or brussell sprouts!

### **Can my children have an Adopt-a-plot?**

Yes, as the parent you would be helping your child with understanding organic growing methods, sustainability, and weeding, watering, conservation of resources and how food actually grows! Imagine the excitement when plants become dinner for the family. It is a great activity to enjoy fresh air, exercise, and sharing of a common purpose without distractions.

### **How many Adopt-a-plots are there in the Garden?**

There are 24- 4'x4' raised beds or 24 new friends.

## **I don't want my own plot, but I would like to help with the communal plots. Is that possible?**

We would love involvement in helping with the care of the communal plots, and there are always chores in the garden.

I see the flower plots around the garden- how can I help with those beds? The flowerbeds are available for Adoption as well. Most vegetables need pollinators, or bees, to have vegetable produce fruit so we will have lots of flowers planted to help with pollination.

## **What are the rules of the Garden?**

You will find the rules in the MSG handbook listed on line under the "FORMS" tab on the Mustard Seed Garden site. Most of the information about the garden can be found there including a calendar of events, meetings and workdays.

## **Can I get community service hours for Garden work?**

Yes. Most school guidance counselors will have forms available for community service hours. A committee member would have to sign at the time of service while working at the garden.

## **Can a Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop adopt-a-plot?**

Absolutely! It's great for homeschoolers as well. Anyone interested in gardening is welcome. We have beginners and longtime gardeners. We also have people interested that have their own home gardens, master gardeners with the Hillsborough County Extension service, and people that want to learn about organic methods

## **What do you provide for the Adopt-a-plot?**

Each 4'x4' plot will have a raised wood boundary with dirt from our donated source. Dirt will have to be moved into the beds and the irrigation for watering is in place. Amendments to the soil can be added provided they are on the amendment list, such as vermiculite, perlite, compost, peat, fish emulsion, to name a few products. You may mulch your beds with leaves, straw, pine needles, newspaper or other items. Check with the MSG handbook for exceptions.