

# Neighbours and Nature Ensemble

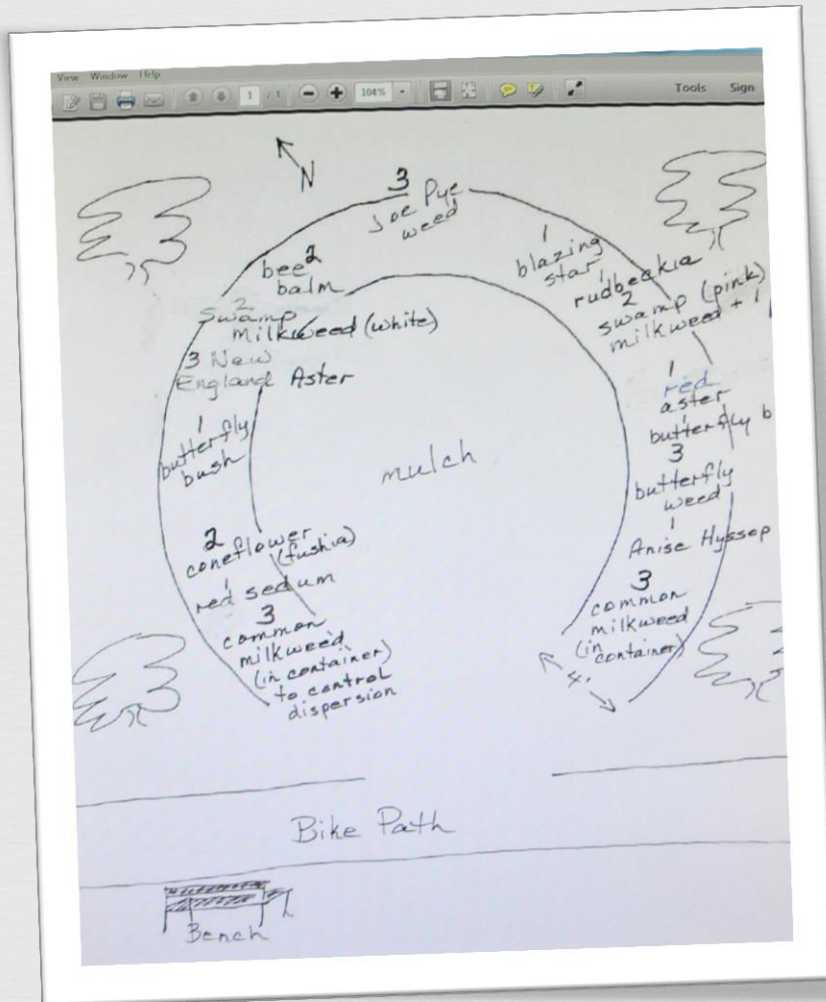


A Community Garden Project



An Idea





# A Plan

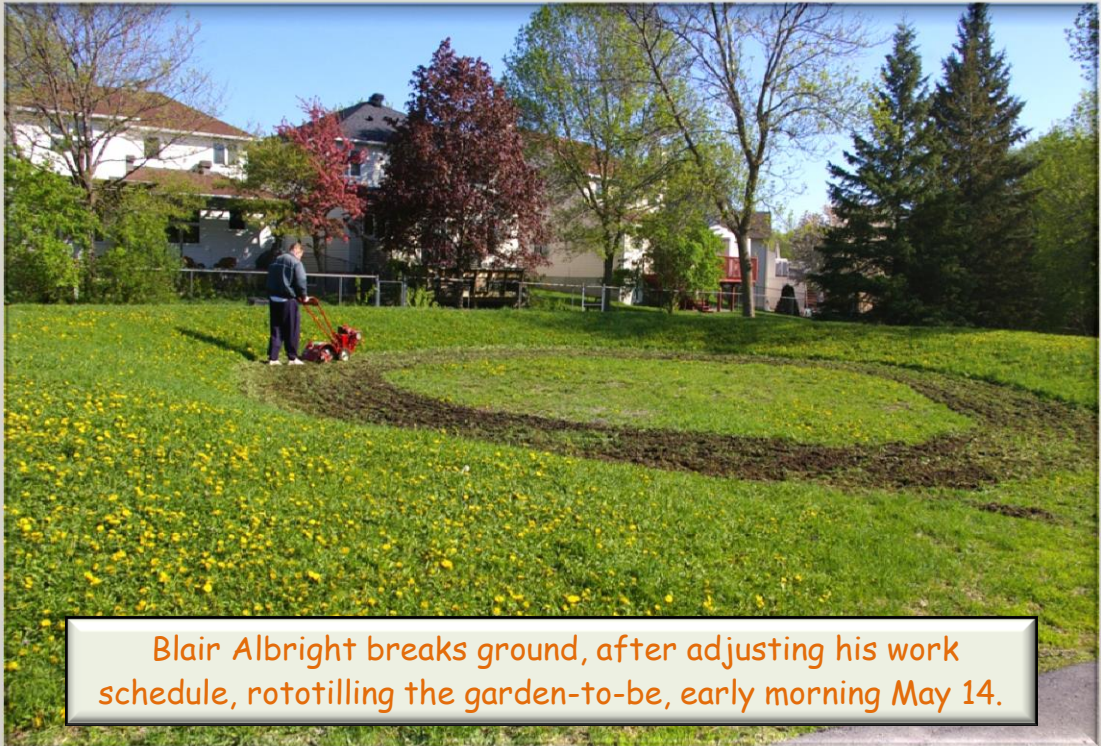
## The Garden

Common Milkweed (in containers) to control dispersion,  
 Coneflower (fuchsia),  
 Red Aster, Red Sedum,  
 Butterfly Bush & Butterfly Weed,  
 New England Aster, Swamp Milkweed (white and pink),  
 Bee Balm, Joe Pye Weed, Blazing Star, Rudbeckia, Anise Hyssop



A Perfect Spot









Maryam, a Ph.D student from Iran, experiences gardening for the first time with mentor, Mary, May 15.  
LaPorte's Nursery delivered the soil... and a nice discount.



Joan & Mary don't miss an opportunity to ham it up when the job is done!





The horseshoe shape allows for easy access for lawn & garden maintenance.



Johanna arrives from Hunt Club to supervise planting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Mary, Anne, and Jim get to work. Pots of plants came from LaPorte's, and again with a nice discount.





Johanna & Mary plant Common Milkweed in containers at the opening to the garden.



New friends - Anne & Johanna share stories and a love of gardening. They discover that Johanna has a plant in her garden that originally came from Anne's garden.





John's house backs onto the garden site. He runs a hose from his tap to water the garden until a rain barrel can be set up under his eaves. Everyone contributes in their own unique way to the neighbourhood project.



Grade 6 student, Megan, did her part - planting with her neighbour, Anne. They didn't know each other very well before, but this project brought them together. The garden supports more than butterflies.





Mary with Joe Pye.



At the end of the day - a job well done.



A few days later, we discovered a stow-away amongst the pink swamp milkweed! A bonus...4 plants for the price of 3! Joe Pye was the culprit...but we let him stay, cuddled up next to *Asclepias Incarnata*.



Sylvain comes to the rescue, to set up the rain barrel properly.





John takes his role of "Keeper of the Rain Barrel" seriously.



The mulch, once again from LaPorte's, arrives on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The garden has done well keeping moist and surviving dogs running through, but the mulch is a welcome sight.





Neighbourhood Mulch Party, 6:30pm:  
10 yards spread in 35 minutes!



The center is the last area to be covered. The woodland smell  
is euphoric!





The mulchers gather with wheelbarrows for a group photo before heading home to watch the hockey game. This time our photographer is in the photo too, instead of behind the camera.



The garden looks wonderful, peaceful, and cozy as we leave.



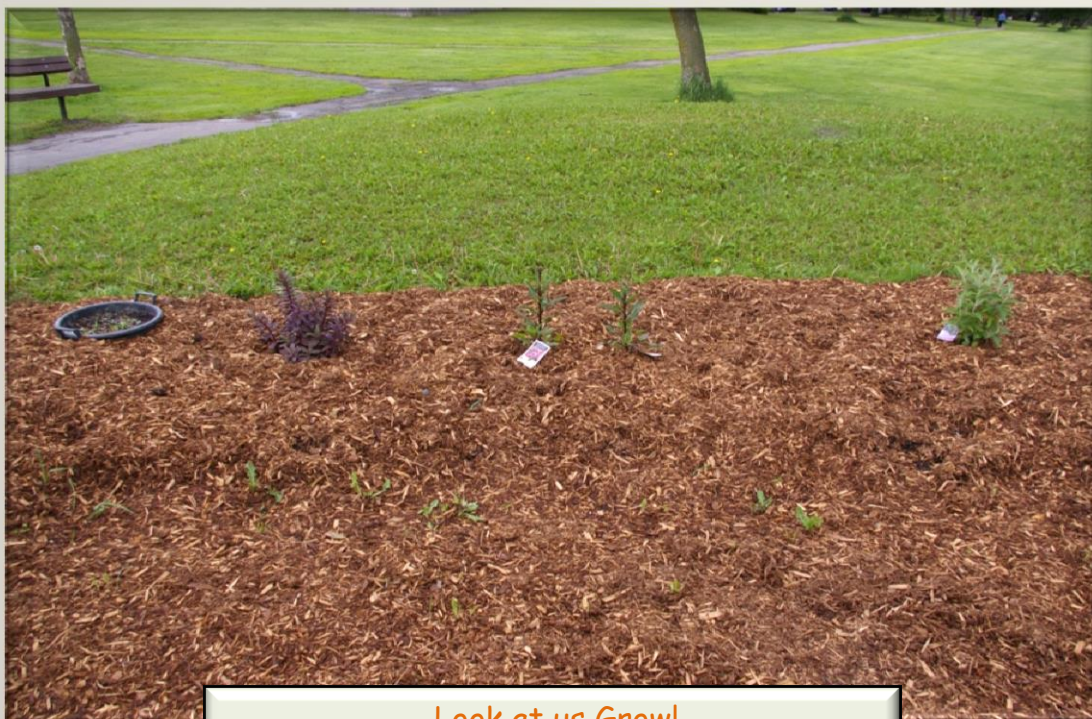


Waiting for blooms & butterflies...



Three weeks later - and the plants are thriving.

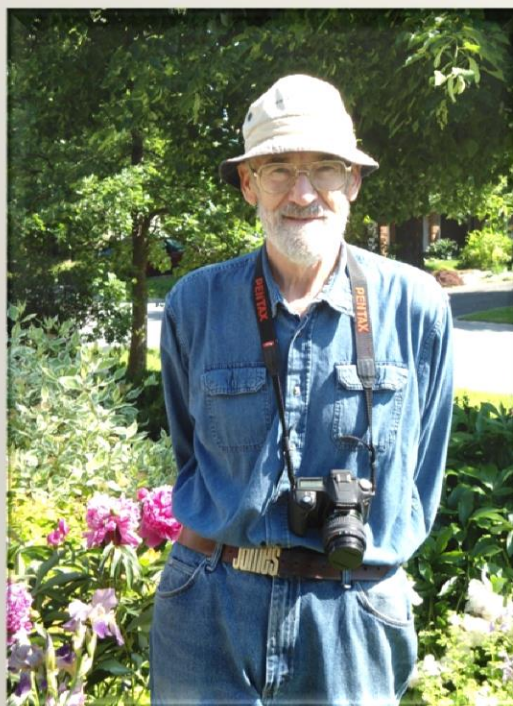




Look at us Grow!

Our photographer, Jim, was there throughout the project to document and contribute photos of the garden's progress.

An avid gardener, married to an avid gardener (Anne), gave wonderful advice as well.







## First Visitor

Painted Lady butterfly, June 15th



# Garden at 5 Weeks





# Official Opening July 3



Councillor Bob Monette cut the ribbon at the official opening, which also featured butterfly music, cookies, and a butterfly release.



# Official Opening Guests of Honour





# Official Opening-- Friends & Neighbours



CAROLYNE SOLBERG, HARPIST







Getting it all together....

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