



Your Community Newsletter

The Logbook

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JCCCG SPECIAL EDITION

Today's newsletter is entirely dedicated to the "Jardin communautaire de Cocagne Community Garden" (JCCCG).

COVID-19

Unless the situation changes drastically, we have no reason to believe that we cannot operate in the garden in 2021. Obviously, compliance with NB Public Health guidelines will continue to be apply.

2020 RETROSPECTIVE

2020 was a very busy year, especially in terms of the vegetable harvest and support for the assistance program for children of families in need who attend Ecole Blanche-Bourgeois and some other 90 people/families in need. In terms of infrastructure, thanks to a grant from AGRI Canada submitted and obtained by the Pays de Cocagne Sustainable Development Group (PCSDG), a well was dug whose pump is powered by solar panels, a 2500-gallon tank was installed for water supply and irrigation of the garden. Another grant obtained from the Community Investment Fund allowed us to complete a cellar in the basement of the woodshop located on the grounds of Ecole Blanche-Bourgeois, thus preserving the harvested vegetables for distribution over a longer period of time. An infrastructure employee at 2-3 days a week and two female students at 1-2 days a week, contributed a lot to the overall 2020 success.

Here are some statistics: 21 meetings in 2020 of the organizing group, 4 workshops held at the garden site, 5 000 square feet seeded for the 12 private lots (12 individuals/families) and 12 000 square feet on the collective section, approximately 3 400 pounds of vegetables produced in the collective section, some 20

volunteers during the season in the garden, 825+ hours of volunteer work from May to November 2020, 45 volunteers at the community dinner.

OUTLOOK 2021

We are starting the 6th year of activities and our ambitions are to continue in the same vein: maximize space, buy blackout canvases to be placed on the ground in order to eliminate the plowing phase (pass the tiller), set up an irrigation system which will surely be a year of experimentation, place a wind turbine to supply the shed and the small shed with electricity and build a three-phase bin for composting.

INVITATION – TO GARDEN AND/OR TO HELP

For those who would like to join the JCCCG to: rent a lot at \$0.11/square foot and/or participate in helping with the garden site or other tasks of your choice; please contact Marc Picard either by email cocagnevortex@gmail.com or by phone at 878-3032.

WORKSHOPS (EVERYONE IS WELCOME)

Planning and ground preparation with Bernadette Goguen on April 20, 2021 at Centre 50 at 6:30 p.m. Other upcoming workshop themes: Compost and seeds, Watering and start of maintenance, Maintenance.

JCCCG COMMUNITY DINNER

Our community dinner with boiled veggies and salted pork is scheduled for Saturday September 18, 2021 at Centre 50. Despite the pandemic, 2020 event was a great success thanks to the volunteers of the Centre 50, the Cocagneries, the PCSDG and the JCCCG. Thanks to all. Come see us at the garden!

SEE YOU SOON...