

## 2014 COMMUNITY GARDENING PROGRAM GUIDELINES AT THE SCOTT ARBORETUM (Revised 3/2014)

- ✿ Members of the Scott Associates are eligible to participate. The fee rental for the 2014 season is \$25. The plots are assigned on a yearly basis in early spring as openings become available.
- ✿ Parking is available in the Mary Lyon parking lot across Harvard Avenue from the garden area, **not on the lawn.**
- ✿ Participants supply all their own tools, seeds, fertilizer, and water.
- ✿ Low, modest fencing not higher than 4 feet is permitted.
- ✿ Individual gardeners are responsible for the maintenance of their plots (keeping them weed free). Abandoned plots that are not maintained will be mowed over after notification. Plots will be inspected every two weeks. We do not designate an area for compost materials. Any weeds or waste from the plot should be removed from the site or composted on each individual site. Do not make piles of weeds/brush at the end of the plots. The lawn must be clear of edging materials for the lawnmowers to maintain the surrounding grass. **Please do not add stones or rocks in the lawn surrounding the gardens.**
- ✿ If, due to unexpected circumstances, gardeners find they are unable to maintain their plot, they are requested to notify this office as early as possible.
- ✿ Plant only annuals; avoid using perennials, bulbs, mint, Jerusalem artichokes or corn.
- ✿ The use of harmful pesticides, herbicides and fungicides is not permitted. Gardeners should take precautions against any product drifting by wind or traveling in stormwater across or through the soil, where it might come into contact with other people or their plants. Gardeners should use the least toxic pesticide that will solve the problem.
- ✿ Some helpful guides include:  
the UC IPM Pest Notes (<http://ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/>)  
Penn State's info sheet on common garden pests  
([http://extension.psu.edu/pests/ipm/pestproblemsolver/house/lawn-landscape/insects/how-to-treat-common-garden-pests/at\\_download/file](http://extension.psu.edu/pests/ipm/pestproblemsolver/house/lawn-landscape/insects/how-to-treat-common-garden-pests/at_download/file))
- ✿ Examples of least-toxic insecticides include insecticidal petroleum or plant-based oils, soaps, and the microbial insecticide Bt.
- ✿ Gardeners must comply with product labels, applying products (both fertilizers and pesticides) using the quantity and frequency that has been tested for safety.
- ✿ **Garden plots must be cleared by November 29<sup>th</sup>.** All stakes, rocks, ornaments, fixtures, etc. are to be removed so that staff can prepare the area for winter. Also remove plastic or weed barrier soil covers and to remove all fencing.
- ✿ Garden plots are not transferable and are assigned yearly based on availability and application. With increasing demand, multiple plots are not assigned however, those past participants with more than one plot will be 'grandfathered' in.