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SEEDLING SALE: MAY 21, 2011

Come out to the CLDS Seedling Sale and find a huge variety of edible plants for your garden. Sale will be held at the Butler Township Community Garden from 10AM to 2PM. Choose from a wide selection of herbs and vegetable plants that were started from seed by our very own CLDS Volunteers, including favorites such as tomatoes, squash, peppers, broccoli, and cabbage, as well as rare and heirloom plants that will excite more experienced gardeners and cooks (arugula, corn salad, radicchio, kale, tomatillos, Thai basil, and over twelve different varieties of tomatoes....Black Krim, Limmony, Red Zebra, Green Zebra, Yellow Pear, etc.). Click here to see what's growing>>> While our selection is huge, there are limited quantities of each. All proceeds benefit the community garden!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP PLANT POLLINATOR GARDEN

On May 21st, beginning at 11AM the CLDS will also be hosting a volunteer planting day to establish our new 2,000 square-foot Pollinator Demonstration Garden. Click here to see a detailed planting plan>>> We need many hands to help to install the 24 different species of native perennials and grasses that will attract pollinators to the garden. This garden will also help raise awareness of the interconnected nature of our plant and animal worlds, and our reliance upon these connections for human survival. According to the National Gardening Association, "one out of every three bites of food we eat is made possible by a pollinator, and 80% of all flowering plants rely on pollinators for survival." This garden is being funded with an Environmental Education Grant from the PA Department of Environmental Protection. This is a great opportunity for children! Boy and Girl Scout troops are particularly welcome.



2011 GARDEN PLOT RENTAL APPLICATIONS

Interested in renting your own plot at the Butler Township Community Garden? Rental forms are now available! Link to the CLDS Gardens page on our website to download and application.



CLDS PARTICIPATES IN THE "COMMUNITIES TAKE ROOT" PROGRAM

The CLDS is pleased to announce that it is one of 100 organizations that have been selected to participate in the "Communities Take Root" program—a collaboration between the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation (FTPF) and Dreyer's Fruit Bars, which will award fruit tree orchards to facilities across the U.S. to help strengthen their communities. Starting April 15, we'll be asking everyone to vote for us (online) to win an orchard. From April through August (for a total of 4 rounds of voting), the five communities with the highest vote totals in each round will be announced as winners. For more information about this grant program, visit: www.communitiestakeroot.com.



2011 GARDEN DISCOVERY DAY CAMP

The CLDS is now accepting registrations for its 2011 "Garden Discovery Camp." This is a one week-long summer day camp for kids entering grades 4 to 7, which is designed to encourage hand's-on study, science exploration, socialization, and outdoor recreation within a safe and beautiful garden setting. Activities will take place within the Butler Township Human Nature Community Garden in Drums from 9AM to 12PM, where the kids will maintain their own garden, learn about bees, birds, butterflies, and worms, and get a chance to eat fresh veggies grown in the garden. Cost is only \$50/session, or \$25 for CLDS members and Butler Township residents.

Click here to [download a brochure for camp dates and more information>>>](#)

Registration forms are also available on-line>>>



2011 CLDS WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

April 7 @7PM: Grow Your Own Organically, with Probiotics (Ron Burger)

April 16 @10AM: Going Green with Butterflies (Rick Mikula)

June 4 @10AM: Container Gardening Demonstrations & DIY (Sandy Visintainer)

June 18 @10AM: Rain Gardens & Rainwater Harvesting (Jim Walck)

June 25 @10AM: The Basics of Raising Backyard Chickens (Don & Sue Ritter)

July 9 @10AM: Basic Soil Biology: Benefits of Compost Tea (Mark Hetman)

August 27 @10AM: Herbs for Health (Jule Greco)

Class titles and times subject to change. Visit the CLDS on-line calendar for class locations, descriptions, and registration information.

CLDS WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

The CLDS welcomes Jo Robbins and Jennifer Yaskewich as its two newest members of the Board of Directors! Jo is a Master Gardener with the Penn State Cooperative Extension and has been an active volunteer for the past two years. Jennifer, a recent graduate of Bloomsburg University and former CLDS Summer Intern, is now an Environmental Educator at Bear Creek Camp. Both are busy planning activities for the CLDS Garden Discovery Camp, and helping out with preparations for our upcoming seedling sale.