

GROW FOOD PARTY CREW SANTA CRUZ PRESENTS:

Gardens of Gratitude



***A 100 garden party throughout Santa Cruz in one weekend!
Friday, June 5- Sunday, June 7, 2009***

On Saturday June 6 & Sunday June 7, 2009, 100's of people will be cultivating up the earth as they plant food and party down in their front and back yards, at schools and community gardens all over Santa Cruz County. The event is called Gardens of Gratitude: The 100 Garden Challenge - a weekend long party, inviting everyone outside to create gardens wherever possible. The event will bring neighbors, friends and organizations together like never before to make a whole-town party that will nourish Santa Cruz and spark many celebrations and garden parties to come. The whole weekend will be a free event, and the gardens will go in for just the cost of materials – which could also be allocated for free if folks are creative.

Throughout the weekend, there will also be evening community celebrations for everyone to come together and dance, swap seeds, and share delicious food and give thanks. In this way, the whole weekend is open for people to add to the party with their creativity.

HOW YOU CAN JOIN IN THE FUN:

Within the next week, an internet hub will be launched at GrowFoodPartyCrew.org that will be similar to our sister-site www.gardensofgratitude.com (a "100 Garden Challenge" happening in Santa Monica, CA). There you will be able to sign-up for a garden at your place, to participate as a helper or a garden party facilitator. You can choose to be there and serenade folks with music, cook up some food, perform an impromptu play, get dirty and plant food or all of the above!

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PARTY DOWN TO SAVE THE UC FARM APPRENTICESHIP:

One of our town's gems, the Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems Farm Apprenticeship needs to raise \$250,000 by June to continue its outstanding program that produces top-notch organic farmers. Through Gardens of Gratitude, we are raising awareness and accepting donations to go straight to this program.

WHAT IS THE GROW FOOD PARTY CREW?

The Grow Food Party Crew is a model for throwing free community parties that incorporate music, food, connection, and fun that leave an edible oasis in their wake. It is a movement that is spreading into every neighborhood and village throughout the world.

WWW.GROWFOODPARTYCREW.ORG

Creating an edible oasis on a day-to-day basis