



# FRESH FROM THE GARDEN

WINTER 2005-2006



Peace on Earth



Goodwill Toward Men



*All year long, the Coppell Community Garden provides a peaceful retreat from the urban rush in the serenity of the gardens, an amazing collaboration of people, materials, and skills, a growing network of gardener relationships, a connection to local food sources, a purpose filled place for learning, and a very generous sharing of first harvests to families in need. May the peace and joy of the season extend to you and your families throughout the year!*



In 2005, 11,700 pounds, or estimated 48,000 servings donated to Metrocrest Social Services Food Pantry and the Coppell Senior Center.

## **H**OT STUFF IN THE GARDEN!

Pick a Peck of Peppers. Peppers were one of the best producer this year. That is the great thing about growing vegetables...every year is different! But one thing is for sure, the produce grown at the Coppell Community Garden is very fresh, very natural, and very diverse and the volunteer gardeners are very dedicated to grow the very best!



In response to community interests, the CCG offered these fun and educational programs: Garden orientations and tours, Rainwater Collection and Rain Barrel Making, Backyard Chickens, Wildflower Planting, Texas Size Bugs, Texas SmartScape, Bloom'n Hot Tour, Master Composter Seminars, and Pecan Creek Nursery Organic Day.

Reaching out, a Community Garden Seminar was held in September with five other communities in an effort to connect those working with community gardens. Attending the seminar was groups from City of Plano, Junior League of Plano, City of Frisco, City of Irving, Gardeners in Community Development, and First United Methodist Church in Euless.

Supporters and gardeners and their families enjoyed the Fall Harvest Dinner held at Ground Delivery Garden. Chef Al served up chicken, bread sticks, eggplant parmesan, garden salad, and cobbler on a warm October evening.

### **VISITING, WORKING, PLAYING, OR FILMING, MANY FOUND THE COMMUNITY GARDENS THE PLACE TO MEET**

Geocache.com, Denton Organic Club, KERA producer, UPS Corporate Managers, Dallas Co. Master Gardeners, Discovery Garden at Fairpark, United Methodist Women, Tarrant Co. Master Gardeners



**CCG is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.**

**[www.ci.coppell.tx.us](http://www.ci.coppell.tx.us)**

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# COPPELL FARMERS MARKET

*The Coppell Community Garden believes in reconnecting people with their food source, connecting people in community places creating a dynamic happening in Old Town Coppell, supporting our agricultural roots and local farm economy, and celebrating fresher produce that is more nutritious and saves transportation energy.*



Coppell Farmers Market had a grand season of selling fresh, local food in Coppell. Every Saturday morning 8 'till sell out, the farmers and producers would have an array of vegetables, fruits, herbs, honey, flowers, plants, cheeses, preserves, pastas, organic eggs, grass-fed and natural beef, pork, chicken, and even turkeys in November. Throughout the season from April to November, farmers market customers got to know the Buntings from Storm Creek Herbs and Flowers, Jack from Finley Farms, Stacy from J & S Farms, Gene Holmes and kids from Oak Ridge Valley Organic Farm, Robert Hutchins from Rehoboth Ranch, Jill Holden from Sundance Gardens, John from Lucido Produce and Herbs, Joy Onstott's Honey, Debbie Sams and kids from Full Quiver Farms and Floyd Worlow from Highland Farms.

All the details and behind the scenes work was contributed by the Coppell Farmers Market Committee, Pat and Julia Daly, Pat Lambert, Joy Onstott, Jean Murph, and Ron Carpenter and CFM Assistant, Bob Timmerman and the city of Coppell.

**FARMER MARKET WILL REOPEN IN APRIL 2006**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING COPPELL FOR THE FOURTH YEAR!**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

**TBA CCG Board Meetings**, Coppell Service Center, 816 S. Coppell Rd. All gardeners and volunteers are welcome to come to the monthly meeting.

**January 7th Keep Coppell Beautiful E-Cycling Computer Recycling Collection**, 9-noon, Town Center parking lot next to Helping Hands Garden.

**February 6th Annual Garden Meeting**. 7pm, Town Center, 255 Parkway Blvd. **MANDATORY FOR ALL New and Returning GARDENERS ! COME SIGN UP FOR ADOPT A PLOT 2006!**  
Plenty of doorprizes, refreshments, seeds, onion and potato sets, guides  
Want to help?? Looking for seasoned gardeners to help welcome new gardeners.

Bring your friends and neighbors that want to garden in 2006!

**February 11th Orientation for New Gardeners**, Both Gardens, 9am.

**Feb. 23-24 Master Composter Seminar**, Thur&Fri. 6:30-9pm AND Sat. 8:30am-5pm, **Coppell Service Center, 816 S. Coppell Rd.** Come learn all about the marvels of making your own compost! \$30 Fee (\$5 discount for community gardeners), includes Shepherd compost bin, books, and lunch. Registration over the phone with credit card, by calling 972-462-5100.

**March 6th Family Fish, 9 to Noon, Andrew Brown Park East**, Take your kids fishing, tackle and fishing rods provided, games, and prizes for all.





## GET DISCOUNTS AT LOCAL GARDEN CENTERS WITH A 2006 CCG MEMBERSHIP

*Thinking about a gift that keeps on giving? Give a membership to someone on your list or become a member yourself to the Coppell Community Garden and receive a discount card good for 10-15% discounts these fine retailers:*

- Blooming Colors Nursery and Landscaping –Coppell and Grapevine Locations
- Pecan Creek Nursery and Landscape—Coppell
- Calloway’s Nursery—Lewisville
- Silk Feed Store –Carrollton
- Master Made Feed—Grapevine

Every membership helps fund resources so the Coppell Community Garden can continue to meet the increase in demands for:

- ⊗ Fresh Produce donated to the Metrocrest Social Services Food Pantry and Coppell Senior Center.
- ⊗ Educational classes and opportunities to learn to care for our environment.
- ⊗ A community place to meet, relax, garden, exercise and make new friends.
- ⊗ Opportunities for community service and service learning projects for hundreds of youth and adults.
- ⊗ Provide mentoring to other communities that want to build community gardens.

Won't you please help us? Your discount card will pay for itself in just a few trips to these fine retailers. You will also receive a copy of our quarterly "Fresh from the Garden" newsletter and discounts on classes all year long.

Simply fill out the information below and mail it, along with your check to:

**Coppell Community Garden**  
**P.O. Box 9478**  
**Coppell, TX 75019**

You will receive your discount card in the mail. Or for more information, call 972-462-5191.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

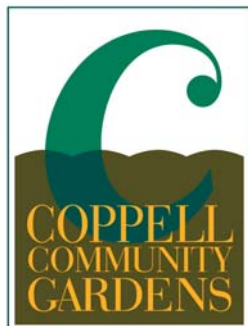
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### Sponsor Donations

- Individual / Family Sponsor: \$25
- Donation\* \$\_\_\_\_\_ *Make a Difference!*
- Corporate / Business: \$50
- Contact me to Volunteer!



\* A 501(3)(c) non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.

# Annual Garden Sign-up

**Mark Calendar  
NOW!**

**February 6, 2006  
7pm  
Town Center  
255 Parkway Blvd**

## **Everyone is invited to this once a year event!**

After our short winter, this is a fun time to get together, make plans and acquaintances, and sign up to Adopt a Plot for 2006 gardening season!

All returning gardeners, new gardeners, educators, members, and volunteers will have a chance to win big door prizes, meet others, pick out new seeds, onion and potato sets for the new year, and get the 2006 CCG Garden Guide.



## **Wanted: All Volunteer Hours every Month!**

Thanks to all the volunteers that help with City of Coppell/Keep Coppell Beautiful Community Programs.

Every year, volunteer hours are reported to Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful. These include all the work of the Master Composters, CCG Gardeners, Adopt a Locations, Clean Coppell Earthfest, School programs, Wildflower Seeding, and more. These programs added up **3,164 volunteers putting in 18,116 hours** last year- all working hard to promote resource conservation and environmental education and beautification in Coppell. Please make sure your volunteer hours are reported!

Keep Coppell Beautiful, a City Council appointed committee, has the mission to involve individuals throughout the community to promote education and activities that encourage waste reduction, litter prevention, and beautification. Committee members include: **John Dobson, Chairman and gardener at Helping Hands, Chris Reed, Co-Chair, Cindy Geppert, gardener at Helping Hands, Brent Wooten, Tom Hudon, Lisa Cunov, and David Goodner.** The committee recently approved the Coppell Community Garden contract to provide community improvement programs again this year.

## **Coppell Community Garden A 501 c ( 3 ) Non-Profit Organization**

### **2006 Board of Directors**

**Kim Andrews , President  
Mark Starr, Vice President  
Dana Wilson, Secretary  
Curtis Linz, Treasurer**

**Peter Lecca  
Pat Lambert  
Trudy White  
Casey Karnes**

**Pam Martin  
Martha Garber  
Jay Shirley**

### **COPPELL COMMUNITY GARDEN SUPPORTERS**

#### **New Members (September-November):**

**Diane Lowe  
Ken and Trudy White  
Curtis Linz**

**Martha Garber  
Robert Stewart  
Mark Starr**

**To become a member of CCG, call 972-462-5191**

**Austin Gardens [austin-gardens.com](http://austin-gardens.com)  
Ground Delivery Lawn Maintenance**

**Keep Coppell Beautiful  
City of Coppell Parks and Recreation Department  
First United Methodist Women  
Coppell Women's Club  
Joyce Whitbread DFW Re/Max Associate  
Peggy Harrison Memorial**

**Special thanks to:  
Master Composters of Coppell**

**ALL THE DEDICATED GARDENERS IN 2005!  
Thanks to all for making the gardens a viable part of  
our community!**

