

chicago park district

Saturday, May 16
Sunday, May 17
10 am - 3 pm



Organic
plant
sale

Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse

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Welcome!

Welcome to the Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse annual plant sale!

Our large selection of organically grown tomato and pepper seedlings is always a draw, but you'll also find other interesting vegetables, flowers, and herbs.

The greenhouse is managed by the Chicago Park District with the support of many dedicated volunteers and the *Friends of Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse Advisory Board*. We couldn't have done this without their tireless work. You can meet some of them at this sale or at the **Question & Answer Session on Wednesday, May 20 from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. sponsored, in part, by the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners**. At this event, we will also have a ½ price sale on any remaining plants.

Throughout the year, we host a variety of gardening classes and events for community members of all ages. Check out our listing at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com for the great programming set for this year.

Happy Planting!

Kirsten Akre

Floraculturalist for Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse

2009 Upcoming Events

@ Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse

Question & Answer Session, plus 1/2 price off sale

Wednesday, May 20, 5 - 7:30 p.m.

sponsored, in part, by the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners.

Toddlers, Tunes, and Turtles

Wednesday, June 24, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

An introduction to nature for the knee-high set! We'll sing songs with musicians from Old Town School of Folk Music, meet live animals, have toddler-friendly nature activities, and healthy refreshments. You're welcome to bring along a picnic dinner. No registration required and it's FREE!

Nature Oasis Family Night

Wednesday, July 29, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Meet our composting worms and other garden animals, learn a few tips on organic gardening, hear garden tales, and create nature crafts. No registration required and it's FREE!

Book Club

Wednesday, June 10, July 22 and August 12, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Get your summer reading going or start your list for winter.

Come find out what's so special about these incredible authors! *Suggested Fee: \$5.*

June - Alice Waters' "Edible Schoolyard"

July - Michael Pollen's "Second Nature"

August - Carlo Petrini "Slow Food Nation"

Garden Literature Series

Wednesday, June 17, July 15 and August 26, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Do you like to be read to? If so, come listen to garden inspired essays and excerpts while sipping tea on a summer evening. Readings will last about half an hour, followed by a discussion. Sample readings are: *We Made a Garden* by Margery Fish, *The Writer in the Garden* by Jane Garmey, *My Summer in a Garden* by Charles Dudley Warner, *From the Ground Up* by Amy Stewart. *Suggested Fee: \$5.*

Greenhouse and Garden Open to the Public

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays, 10 a.m. - Noon

June through August

Enjoy tours of the gardens and greenhouse.

Gardening questions welcome

Kilbourn's Organic Approach

SOIL: We use a certified organic potting soil mix called Vermont Compost Fort V. It is a microbial mix that feeds the soil organisms which in turn feeds the plant.

WATER: To reduce stress on small seedlings, we use tempered (room temperature) water.

FERTILIZE: We use a combination of seaweed and molasses for extra nutrients.

ORGANIC SEED: We purchase locally grown organic seed, when possible.

BENEFICIAL INSECTS FOR PEST CONTROL: Ladybugs, lacewings and parasitic wasps were released every two weeks prior to the sale in order to control aphids, whitefly, and mealy bugs (common greenhouse pests).

HARDENING OFF: Some of these plants have been growing in a greenhouse and have not been exposed to full sun. We recommend planting them on an overcast day to acclimate them to bright sunlight or placing them in a partially shady area for a few days prior to planting in full sun.

The plants listed in this catalog are a sampling of our stock. Additional varieties will be available at the sale.

Pricing

Tomatoes and Peppers \$3.

Flowers, Herbs, & Assorted vegetables priced as marked.

Organic Plant Care Tips for your Garden

* **FEED YOUR SOIL** - Add compost to your soil before planting. After the soil warms up in late June, you can add a layer of straw or leaves to reduce weeds, keep soil moist, and feed the worms and other soil organisms. Weed and water before putting down the mulch!

* **WATERING** - If possible, water in the morning or early day to avoid loss through evaporation and to give the plants time to dry. If watering at night, water the base of plants, avoiding the leaves. Consider saving rain water in a rain barrel connected to your downspout. Yes, we live close to one of the largest freshwater lakes, but water conservation is everyone's issue.

* **PLANT DIVERSITY** - Include a mixture of vegetables, flowers, and herbs in your garden. Flowers provide a source of nectar for many of the beneficial insects that can keep garden pests under control.

* **AVOID USE OF SYNTHETIC FERTILIZERS, PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES** - These are temporary solutions that degrade your soil ecosystem. Instead use organic compost or fertilizer to promote soil health.

* **HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?** Come to the Q & A on Wednesday, May 20 from 5 - 7:30 p.m. or stop by during our open garden hours, Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. & Saturdays, 10 a.m. - Noon, June through August.

RECYCLE

* **Return your plastic flats and pots** - We'd love to use them next year! Bring your flats to the patio on the south side of the greenhouse, there will be an area clearly marked.

Tomatoes

I = Indeterminate

D = Determinate

Indeterminate tomatoes are also called vining and are best tied to a stake. They continue to grow and fruit until frost.

Determinate tomatoes grow to maturity, then stop in a flower cluster. Do not prune them or break off "sucker" shoots.

Days refers to the number of days from planting to harvest.

VARIETY	DESCRIPTION	DAYS	I/D	O
BEEFSTEAK				
Amana Orange	Huge light-orange fluted tomato. Excellent sweet, almost tropical fruit flavors.	90	I	Y
Black Krim	Juicy purple tomato w/meaty smoky flavor.	80	I	Y
Cherokee Purple	Purple fruit w/rich taste. Relatively short vines.	77	I	Y
German Johnson	Good producer of meaty pink fruits, mild and sweet.	80	I	Y
Italian Heirloom	Red, meaty, fat, slightly pear shaped fruit w/complex, sweet flavors, well-balanced w/good acidity.	75	I	Y
Lemony	Light-yellow Russian tomato loaded w/luscious, big sweet tangy flavors.	85	I	Y
Pink Brandywine	Pink heirloom tomato w/unsurpassed taste.	82	I	Y
Pinneapple	Large yellow/red striped tomato w/sweet, low-acid fruity taste.	85	I	Y
Prudens Purple	1 lb pink fruits w/good flavor, productivity & disease resistance	72	I	Y

MEDIUM				
Amish Gold	Rare tomato yields HUGE crops of 1 1/2"-2" orange tomatoes w/a sweet-tart flavor.	80	I	Y
Black Ethiopian	Rare Russian heirloom has mahogany - bronze, plum-shaped fruit. Exceptional, rich, fruity, tangy taste. PATIO	81	I	Y
Black Zebra	Purplish w/green stripes & a rich sweet smokey flavor.	85	I	Y
Celebrity	Popular red AAS winner w/great taste.	72	D	N
Dona	Deep red, almost seedless, juicy tomato w/a sweet/acid balance. Heavy producer. Disease resistant. PATIO	75	I	Y
Garden Peach	Small 2 oz yellow -orange meaty fruit w/hint of red inside. Very mild-sweet taste.	70	I	Y
Green Zebra	2" yellow-gold fruit w/dark -green stripes. Lime green flesh has invigorating lemon-lime flavor.	75	I	Y

Tomatoes

MEDIUM - continued				
Japanese Black Trifele	Black w/greenish shoulders & meaty, luscious fruit.	81	I	y
Jubilee	Smooth-textured, sweet mild meaty 8 oz. orange tomato. AAS winner in 1943.	80	I	Y
Lime Green Salad	Small plants w/lots of round lime-green fruit full of juice & tangy flavor. PATIO	58	D	y
Oregon Spring	Favorite variety for early silver-collar sized, bright-red tomatoes. Lusciously sweet and juicy.	75-80	D	y
Pantano Romanesco	Rare Roman red, slightly -ribbed & bursting w/rich flavors. Great for sauce w/intense flavor.	70	I	y
Rose de Berne	Superior pink tomato w/robust rich sweet flavor.	80	I	Y
Sophie's choice	Best extra early tomato. Fruit is red -orange outside & deep red inside. Disease resistant. PATIO	55	D	y

CHERRY				
Black Cherry	Large cherry tomato w/dusky color & complex flavor.	75	I	Y
Blondkopfchen	One of the BEST TASTING cherries. Bright yellow/gold, sweet w/a slight citrusy tart flavor. Disease & crack resistant .	75	I	y
Isis Candy	1-inch round marbled cherry. Delicious sweet taste is rich and fruity.	67	I	y
Juliet	Sweet grape tomato. 50 -80 tomatoes per plant. Disease resistant.	60	I	N
Peacevine	Red cherry produces clusters of sweet/tart 1" fruits.	78	I	Y
Riesentraube	Name means "giant bunch of grapes." Yummy red cherries in bunches of 20 -35 small, oval fruits.	78	I	y
Sprite	Early patio tomato produces lots of red grape tomatoes w/refreshingly sweet flavors. One of the best.	60	D	y
Sugary	2005 AAS Winner produces scads of 1" pinkish-red, oval tomatoes w/v ery sweet flavors. Great patio tomato.	60	I	y
Sungold	Exceptionally sweet, bright tangerine - orange cherry tomatoes.	57	I	N

Tomatoes/continued

PASTE				
Amish Paste	Ultimate sauce type red tomato with wonderful flavor & production.	85	I	Y
Long Tom	Up to 9" long meaty, red paste tomatoes w/few seeds. Good fresh or in sauce. Crack resistant	85	I	y
Russian Big Roma	Perfect sauce tomato produces lots of huge (2 x 4"), deep red, fruits w/rich flavor. Disease resistant.	85	I	y
Speckled Roman	Red paste tomato covered w/orange-yellow stripes.	85	I	Y

OXHEART				
Homer Fike's Yellow Oxheart	Yellow-gold, heart-shaped fruit up to 1 lb. w/ meaty flesh, few seeds & delicious fruit - sweet flavors.	89	I	y
Japanese Oxheart	Prolific Japanese variety. Pink heart-shaped fruits, w/firm, thin skin & juicy flesh. Great slicer.	80	I	y



Peppers

HOT PEPPERS	Description
Ancho 211	Heart-shaped, thinner-walled fruits are mildly pungent & turn from black-green to red.
Bolivian Rainbow	Ornamental w/purple foliage & flowers; very hot small cone shaped 1" fruit in many colors .
Early Jalapeno	Very hot fruits mature early.
Fatalii	Fiery hot, wrinkled yellow peppers w/citrus-like flavor .
Filus Blue	Striking ornamental w/violet leaves & small purple fruit .
Fish	Attractive variegated fruit & leaves, hot w/full-bodied flavor .
Habanero	Fiery hot pepper.
Habanero Brown	Very hot 2 1/2" long chocolate brown pepper; very productive .
Holy Moly Hybrid	High yielding mild pastilla pepper w/nutty spicy flavor used in mole sauce.
Jalapeno	Fiery, thick walled peppers .
Jamaican Hot Chocolate	Very hot shiny brown & wrinkled haberno-type peppers; strong smokey flavor
Kung Pao hybrid	Thin-walled Oriental hot pepper; tall plants loaded w/4.5" long skinny peppers .
Long Red Cayenne	Prolific and hot.
Matchbox	Squat plant bears prolific upright fruit.
Poblano L	Dark green 5" peppers not too hot .
Red Peter	Medium hot 4-6" long deep red heirloom pepper
Serrano de Sol	Very productive. Mild as serranos go, but plenty hot.
Thai Hot	Small conical hot peppers good dried or fresh.

SWEET PEPPERS	
Cal Wonder Bell	Classic bell pepper .
Carmen	Lovely fruit w/sweet flavor. Upright medium-sized plants.
Jim Nardello	Italian thin-walled 8" frying pepper.
Lipstick	Thick, juicy sweet pepper perfect for salads, roasting, salsa & cooking.
Mini Apple	Thick-walled mini bell can be eaten red or green!
New Ace	Early producer of red sweet peppers.
Round of Hungary	Ribbed, flattened fruits mature early & have thick, sweet red flesh.

ASSORTED VEGETABLES

NAME	DESCRIPTION
BEET	
Bull's blood	Beautiful, dark red leaves to jazz up your salad mix. Red heirloom beets.
Chioggia	Sweet Italian candy striped beets w/pink -striped stems.
Red Ace	Rapid growth, sweet flavor & tenderness. The best all-around red beet.

BROCCOLI	
Belstar	Domed medium-sized head. Strong, stress tolerant plants.

CABBAGE	
Bilko	Napa w/large dark green heads & mild sweet taste. Slow to bolt.
Famosa	Mid-season, round savoy. Tender leaves w/great flavor.
Red Express	Extra-early red. Compact plants. Good appearance & flavor.

CELERIAC	
Diamante	Nutty parsley-celery flavor improved by light fall frosts.

COLLARDS	
Even' Star Champion	Fast outstanding yields of tender mild greens

CUCUMBER	
Marketmore 76	Dark green fruits show good uniformity. Vines vigorous throughout season.
National Pickling	Firm black-spined dark green fruits, sweet, rarely bitter.
Suhyo Long	Long Asian cucumber known for mild burpless flavor.

EGGPLANT	
Applegreen	Round light apple-green eggplant with white flesh.
Diamond	Dark purple 7" fruits w/ mild flavor.
Pingtung	Chinese eggplant w/an appealing sweetness. Light purple 11" fruits.
Rosa Bianca	Plump white & lavender Italian w/delicate flavor.
Rosita	Early, productive pear-shaped pink-lavender fruits are 6-8" long.
Swallow	Early Oriental type eggplant. Elongated purple 7" fruits
KALE	
Lacinto	Beautiful kale w/sweet mild flavor which improves after frost.

ASSORTED VEGETABLES - continued

LETTUCE	
Anuenue	Compact lettuce peaks in July. Crisp sweet flavor & no bitterness.
Forellenschluss	Deep green romaine w/wine-red splatches. Buttery taste & delicate texture.
Jericho	Crisp, juicy & unusually sweet romaine.
Merlot	Burgundy lettuce with full-bodied flavor
Sweet Valentine	Mild sweet taste. Slow to bolt even in hot dry conditions.
RADICCHIO	
Indigo	Firm, medium-large burgundy heads with good flavor.
SQUASH	
Black Forest	Smaller kabocha w/dark green, flat -round fruits. Orange flesh is medium dry & sweet.
Flying Saucer	Patty pan fruits. Mix of bright yellow & dark green w/dense, nutty flavor.
Honey Bear	Small round acorn squash -deliciously sweet. 2009 AAS winner.
SWISS CHARD	
Bionda Di Lyon	Pale tender green leaves w/ excellent, mild flavor.
Bright Lights	Multicolored chard.
TOMATILLO	
Verde Puebla	Produces huge crop of sweet fruits good for salsa.

Flowers

NAME	VARIETY	DESCRIPTION	LIGHT	HEIGHT
Alyssum	Carpet of Snow	Great-smelling white flowers.	F-PS	4"
Calendula	Alpha	Early to bloom. Orange blooms of many sizes.	F-PS	24-30"
Marigolds, African	Crackerjack Mix	Large fully-double orange, gold & yellow flowers.	FS	30"
Marigolds, French	Aurora Yellow Fire	Double yellow flowers inset w/red flames.	FS	8-10"
Marigolds, French	Brocade Mix	Ruffled double flowers in rust, yellow, orange & red.	FS	10"
Marigolds, French	Tashkent	Deep maroon-red petals w/frilly edges & yellow centers.	FS	12-14"
Nasturtium	Alaska Mix	Variegated foliage w/edible tangy yellow & orange blossoms.	FS	16"
Nasturtium	Empress of India	Dark green leaves w/brilliant crimson-scarlet flowers.	FS	16"
Nasturtium	Jewel Mix	Bushy variety. Early free-flowering blend of colors.	FS	16"
Nasturtium	Tall Climbing Mix	Trailing mix. Blossoms in red, orange & gold.	FS	2 ft
Rudbeckia	Indian Summer	1995 AAS winner. Huge golden - yellow blooms. Great cut flowers.	FS	3 ft
Strawflower	Apricot/Peach	Papery blooms in romantic colors.	FS	36"
Strawflower	Victorian Blush	Peach papery blooms.	FS	36"

HERBS

NAME	VARIETY	DESCRIPTION	LIGHT	HGT.
Anise Hyssop		Sweet licorice smell & long - blooming purple flower s.	FS	3 ft
Basil	Red Rubin	Ornamental dark purplish - bronze basil.	FS	18-24"
Basil	Thai	Spicy anise-clove flavor, purple stems.	FS	12-18"
Basil	Genovese	A favorite for authentic Italian basil flavor & appearance.	FS	24-30"
Borage		Bushy w/small flowers which open blue, turn purple & then pink.	FS	2 ft
Catnip		Companion for melons & squashes. Natural mosquito repellent.	FS	24-48"
Chives	Garden	Edible plant. Lilac flowers in June & July.	F-PS	1-2 ft
Epazote		Pungent flavor with refreshing camphor & minty overtones.	FS	24-36"
Fennel	Zefa Fino	Bulbing type w/edible blue - green stems.	FS	3 ft
Feverfew		Fragrant bushy plant w/daisy - like white blooms good in bouquets.	F-PS	24-36"
German Chamomile		Tiny white & yellow flowers used in tea.	FS	18-30"
Lavendar	'Goodwin Creek Grey'	Woody shrublike plant w/lavender flowers on long - stemmed spikes.	FS	3 ft
Lemon Verbena		Clean, sharp lemon scent .	F-PS	3-4 ft
Lovage		Perennial herb. Leaves have a strong celery taste.	F-PS	3-6 ft
Oregano	Greek	Low-growing flowering perennial good in flavoring cooking.	FS	8-24"
Parsley	Dark Green Italian	Smooth & shiny large dark green flat leaves. Upright w/vigorous growth.	F-PS	12-18"
Rosemary	'Shady Acres'	Tender flowering perennial .	FS	3-4 ft
Thyme	German	Creeping low-matted perennial w/short lavender flower spikes.	F-PS	12"

SEED SALE				
Cilantro	<i>Coriandrum sativum</i>	Also known as Chinese parsley & coriander leaves.	FS	12-18"
Dill	Bouquet OG	Bouquet dill weed's leaves are sweeter & more refined than Mammoth.	FS	3-4 ft

FS = FULL SUN

F-PS = FULL-PARTICAL

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