

DEMONSTRATION GARDENS REPORT: May 2022

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HEATHSVILLE EXTENSION OFFICE – SUE KOSINSKI

Sue begins the spring clean up and planted zinnias in the pollinator garden. She will schedule a work day with the volunteers in the near future.

GW BIRTHPLACE KITCHEN GARDEN: BETSY HARDY, DIANE KEAN and DIANE SMITH

The Birthplace is off to a great start this year! We worked the second 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in April and will work the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Thursday in May. In addition to the usual weeding, we have spread pine tags for mulch in the garden provided by Drew Therrien and the other Rangers. A group of Archeologists have begun excavating the foundation for the original Washington home. They were able to outline the foundation by using ground sonar. Part of the fence surrounding the garden has been removed so we are waiting to see if any of the farm animals pay us a visit. The Birthplace has promised to give us new permanent plant markers to replace the wooden markers. Our hope is that they will be in place for the NNMG visit in July. Our next project will be to identify some of the plants that are on our plant map but seem to have either traveled or just plain gone MIA. We will also be planting the annual herbs. The garlic that was planted last fall is doing well, along with the Arum metallicum, perennial begonia, and Callicarpas.

The crew worked with Lindeve to get the garden ready for the dedication of the East Garden in mid April. The Garden Club of Virginia officially dedicated the garden (they had funded its restoration). We cancelled our early May time at Stratford since the gardener was on vacation.

REEDVILLE SHORELINE GARDEN: – CAROLYN GORMAN & DEBORAH MARL
Weeding and more weeding. The lower bed got a thorough clean up on May 3rd. Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how do your weeds grow? A whole lot!!!

STRATFORD HALL: DIANE SMITH

Again with the weeding. Jeesh!

HISTORIC CHRIST CHURCH: SALLY BEARD

I presume we can continue with the weeding dialogue.

FARM MUSEUM VEGETABLE GARDEN – SUSAN LOSAPIO & BONNIE SCHASCHEK

Thank you interns - John McDonald, Richard LeBaron, Rick Sterling, and Kaye Simpson. Planting spring crops, weeding, blackberry bushes pruned, weeded, amended, and strawed. Fill in your own subjects. Grammar class is finished.



