

# *The Group Garden*

at Charles Street Gardens | Sunnyvale California



*Start your organic gardening experience today!*

While you're waiting for an individual bed why not start gardening in The Group Garden today? Imagine not needing to buy your pricey, organic vegetables at the market anymore, instead you can now pick them fresh out of the ground the same day you need them! We have open spaces available for gardeners who are interested in working as a team to learn how to garden and grow delicious, tender, organic vegetables. No prior gardening experience is required. This is great experience and knowledge that can be applied when you have your individual plot, however most members choose to remain in The Group Garden and enjoy the assistance, abundance of variety and space as well as the friendships that are made.

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## **What is The Group Garden?**

The Group Garden is a place where many gardeners work together choosing what to grow, caring for the space together, and sharing the harvest. It offers the opportunity to work as a

part of a team to decide what, when, and where to plant in our 4 designated Group Garden plots. We have sub-teams of 3-5 people who are responsible for growing specific vegetables in specified plots and then all the produce is shared among the contributing Group Garden members. We often work together but can also work on flexible individual schedules. We scale the production to the demands of the group and so have more efficient gardening and higher-yield production. Each Group Garden member stays on the CSG Waiting List, and when offered an individual bed, the gardener can accept the individual bed and leave the Group Garden or decline the individual bed and stay in the Group Garden.



## What do you grow in The Group garden?

We continue to grow a wonderful variety of crops since The Group Garden launched in October 2013! Here is merely a sample list of what we have grown and shared over the years:

### **Fall / Winter:**

Over 10 varieties of lettuce, spinach, chard, kale, baby bok choy, arugula, turnips, kohlrabi, beets, carrots, cilantro, onions, garlic, fenugreek leaves, sugar snap, snow + shelling peas

### **Spring / Summer:**

Over 40 x varieties of tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, okra, eggplant, squash, green beans, multiple types of hot + bell peppers, basil, salad greens, opo (loki or bottle gourd), loofah (dodka or thori)

As a team, we select seeds and plants for each coming season. Come and join us and let us know what you'd love to grow!



## Group Gardening Facts

- ★ You can join The Group Garden after completing the **CSG 101** class, and continue to remain on the CSG Waiting List for an individual garden bed. Check our [EVENTS](#) page for the next class or email us to enquire.
- ★ Working in the group garden requires approximately 2 – 3 hours per week during spring/summer and 1 – 2 hours per week during fall/winter. In addition, 15 service hours are required for maintaining the common areas of the garden. This is the same service hours for gardeners with individual plots.
- ★ The annual cost to participate in the group garden is \$95.00 per year. If you decide to leave The Group Garden, when an Individual Gardener bed becomes available, your annual fee will transfer over. You cannot be a Group Garden member and an individual bed owner, at the same time.
- ★ For more questions about The Group Garden please email us:  
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