

TROY GARDENS

Reconnect with your nature, your neighbors, your nutrition—begin here now!

By Marge Pitts
Friends of Troy Gardens

If one step of your journey to find what feels missing in your life is taken on the land at Troy Gardens, you are on the right path.

If you want to get to know other people on a face-to-face basis, irrespective of economic, cultural, or racial differences—people who you may discover are similar to you on a deeper level—check the schedules below. If your body is asking you for healthful vegetables that grow in the same city where you are trying to grow your spirit, we know how and where. Read on.

The Friends of Troy Gardens (FTG) is in business to help people build—or rebuild—connections with nature, each other, and nutrition by offering them a place for it to happen. If you can't find something that grabs you in the information below, call FTG at 240-0409. Talk to us about what you hope Troy Gardens can do for you, and we'll find a way to exchange gifts with you.

Natural Areas Restoration Stewards

A 5-acre restored prairie, a maple grove reclaimed from buckthorn and garlic mustard, a bird habitat brought into its full potential, and an edible landscape of nut trees and berry bushes—all of these are ongoing projects of Troy Natural Areas Restoration Stewards. These projects add immeasurably to the beauty and significance of this land, but all would soon be lost without the continued effort of volunteers, every year from now until forever. That's what makes the work of our stewards so important.

Led by FTG's Restoration Manager Amy Martin, volunteer stewards will receive training workshops on Woodland Identification, Invasive Species Management, Prairie Restoration and Edible Landscape Design. Stewards commit to volunteering six hours a month in return for training sessions and materials. If you don't wish to make a commitment, you may attend any of the general volunteer days below as you see fit.

Natural Areas Volunteer Workdays are scheduled for the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, from 9am-noon. Evening volunteer days will be held the first Monday of each month (except July), from 5pm-7pm. Workday parties meet at the shed in front of Troy Community Gardens—and treats are provided, or when the time is right, harvested for all to enjoy! Please email Amy at

naturalareas@troygardens.org if you'd like more detail.

Community Mosaic Art Project

Local artist Marcia Yapp and Megan Cain, FTG's Kids' Gardening Coordinator, will teach the art of a



Photo by Marge Pitts

Despite the need for warm jackets, this mom shows her child how to start spring out right and get into the dirt.

mosaic stepping stone. The finished stones will be installed by the picnic table at Troy Kids' Garden during FTG's Savor The Summer At Troy Gardens event on Saturday, Aug. 6

The workshops are free, but you must register for both in advance. Adults of all ages, and kids accompanied by adults are welcome. All materials and tools will be provided. Before the first workshop, there will be an optional 30-minute tour of Troy Gardens for those not familiar with the land, or those who would like some inspiration before starting their mosaic. Meet for both workshops at the Kids' Garden.

Part One—Designing a Mosaic Stepping Stone, Saturday, July 16, 10am-1pm. Here you will learn the basics of applied mosaic, and create your own simple mosaic design on a square cement paver. We'll have a variety of materials on hand for you to use. Each stone will be designed and constructed by one or two participants. This is something you can do with a friend.

Part Two—Grouting 101, Wednesday, July 27, 6pm-7:30pm. Now you'll learn how to grout your mosaic stepping stone, choosing a type of grout that enhances your design. This will complete your piece and make it ready for installation at the Savor the Summer event on August 6.

This project is supported in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board. Our wish list for donations includes:

safety glasses, latex gloves, firm sponges, clear contact paper, plastic table cloths, scrap pieces of stained glass, polished or unpolished pebbles, tile nippers, broken ceramic plates, broken terra cotta pots, 8-foot 2x4 lum-

each week, by contacting Farm Manager Claire Strader at 240-0409 or info@troygardens.org. You can come to Troy Farm Stand each Thursday, from 4-6:30pm, and pick out just what you need. We will also be selling at the Eastside Farmer's Market, Tuesdays from 4-7pm at 201 S. Ingersoll St. And we are very happy to be selling at the new Northside Farmer's Market, every Sunday from 8am-1pm at Sherman Plaza. Good eating makes good feeling!

Savor The Summer At Troy Gardens, Saturday, August 6, 10am-4pm

This daylong event, rain or shine under big tents, will offer you a wide variety of fun activities to watch and do at Troy Gardens. In the Kids' Tent you'll find games and crafts, storytelling by Clare Norelle, and live chickens from the Kids' Garden! A Flower Festival begins the day; followed by Huitlacoche Cooking & Tasting Demonstrations; live music by Bohemios Klan; tours of the land and project areas, including the housing site; West African drumming; and finally, a performance of the Young Shakespeare Players. FTG's partnering organization, the Madison Area Community Land Trust, will be on hand to answer your questions about the 30 garden condominiums they will begin building at Troy Gardens in the near future.

We'll be giving away free Troy Farm cookbooks until we run out. Stop by any time on August 6, and we'll all Savor The Summer together!

ber for framing. If you can help, want more information, or would like to register, contact Megan Cain at 240-0409 or Marcia Yapp at 243-8988, or email FTG at info@troygardens.org.

Troy Community Farm—Four Ways To Get Your Veggies

Troy Farm grows the prettiest and yummiest organic vegetables in Madison—and this year it's even easier to buy from us. You can become a member of our CSA, and pick up your box of vegetables, fruits and flowers



**Serving the Northside
since 1984 with unmatched
attention to detail.**

office-
608.249.5644

www.lakewoodrty.com

Dolly Warren ABR, CRS, GRI

Tammy Krez ABR

Ted Krez

**- Northside Listings -**

330 Kensington Dr ... \$349,900

- 4 bdrm, 1 3/4 bath, 1960 sqft
- Remodeled kitchen
- Refinished hardwood floors
- New carpet & paint through out



201 Warner Dr \$359,800

- 3 bdrm, 2 1/4 bath, 2026 sqft
- Hardwood floors & built-ins
- Breakfast nook w/ butler station
- 2 car garage



714 Farwell Dr \$630,000

- 4 bdrm, 2 3/4 bath, 3087 sqft
- Gourmet kitchen
- 1/2 acre lot & deeded lake access
- Charm & character through out



45 Cambridge Rd ... \$1,500,000

- 5 bdrm, 3 bath, 4200 sqft
- Superb condition
- 80 feet of prime lake frontage
- Old World craftsmanship

STUDENT LOAN CONSOLIDATION**IS IT RIGHT FOR YOU?**

- ⇒ Do you have at least \$7,500 of outstanding student loan debt?
- ⇒ Will you be entering or are in grace status or are currently in deferment, forbearance, or repayment status?
- ⇒ Would you like to permanently lower your monthly payment?
- ⇒ Would you like to lock into the lowest fixed interest rate in Stafford loan history?
- ⇒ Would you like to remain eligible for loan deferment status?

FOR A **FREE** PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ANALYSIS OF YOUR OUTSTANDING STUDENT LOAN DEBT, PLEASE CALL, WRITE, OR E-MAIL:

Hanser Consulting

Tom Hanser, owner/consultant
PO Box 7812
Madison, WI 53707

608-242-8819

e-mail:
tomhanser@yahoo.com

"Working with the student loan program since 1984."

Call today for a private showing!