

CHILDREN'S GARDEN

The concept of Children's Garden has caught on in many areas of the United States, and it is growing. These three are very good. Washington D.C., George Washington's home farm in Virginia, and in Michigan State University. The writer (Don Otterness) thinks the latter is the best overall. It is a very popular place to visit and to take visitors as well.

The term Children's Garden is a new concept. The factors that make it a children's garden are:

1. Youth design it,
2. Youth plant it.
3. Youth care for it when the garden grows.
4. Youth harvest the vegetables.
5. Youth can use the flowers for a variety of things of their own choosing.

The Children's Garden fits into the Men's Garden Club and The Garden Clubs of America interests. Because this project is so extensive a number of youth organizations can be served.

Youth groups could choose a vegetable or flower garden area. They could have a water or a herb garden and of course they all could have pumpkin and sunflower areas.

Because so many youth don't have access to garden plots a Children's Garden can be the answer for them. Especially youth that live in apartments or other reasons don't have a place to plant a garden.

More information may be obtained from the Chair of the Youth Gardening program of the Gardeners of America and The Men's Garden Clubs of America.

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