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Greetings Gardeners,

The Neighborhood Gardens Trust (NGT) whose mission is to acquire and preserve community gardens and shared open space in order to enhance the quality of life in Philadelphia neighborhoods, would like to invite you and your garden to participate in celebrating COMMUNITY GARDENS DAY on June 21,2014.

Gardens bring a multitude of benefits to a community including: nutritious food, healthier lifestyles, exercise and connections to your fellow neighbors. We want to rejoice and celebrate that community gardens and neighborhood pocket parks are essential to the fabric of any city and especially OUR city, Philadelphia.

Please join us on June 21st as we welcome residents of the City to explore and appreciate all your efforts, ideas and hard work by sharing your garden with others that day.

The plans for the event are that participating gardens would be open to the public from 10AM to 3PM with at least one gardener present. Much like POST (Philadelphia Open Studio Tours) where artists welcome the public into their studios throughout the day, we will be reaching out to city residents and offering them the opportunity to visit their local garden, where a range of activities could be happening. These activities could include:

- **Something you already do, such as weeding or a garden work day**
- **Tours through the garden**
- **A special activity you could use extra hands with (such as grouting a mural/mosaic)**
- **Working a City Harvest plot with volunteers**
- **A Demonstration/workshop (such as planting, passive composting, or pruning)**
- **Host a Make Music Philly Day artist (http://www.makemusicphilly.org/participate/venues/)**
- **An arts & crafts activity for kids**
- **Have resident "experts" be available for Q&A**
- **Host a BBQ or just a hang-out for neighbors**

If you are interested in participating on June 21st 10am to 3pm and will be hosting an activity, please register your garden at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JSDMHXR. Registration is open until Thursday, May 27th, so register soon. We are excited to celebrate the importance of your garden in your neighborhood and in the city and of course, celebrate you! Invite friends, neighbors, and the public to learn more about gardening or your community garden.

Thank you for your participation and we will be in touch.
Best,
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