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"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else."

~Plato



"Talent is always conscious of its own abundance and does not object to sharing."

~Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn



"Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth."

~Buddha

## Sharing the bounty....

They say a burden shared is pain halved, well I believe that a bounty shared is joy doubled. Jeff and I plant more than just a vegetable garden that is open to our employees, neighbors and friends. We also plant pockets of vegetables along the road so people passing by can stop and help themselves to fresh beets, lettuce and even collard greens. What a gift when a ninety year old woman stopped because she did not realize that collards greens grew so well in this area and took pictures to send to her disbelieving friends in the South. We provided her with vegetables throughout the summer and imagine our surprise when she delivered her home-made plum jelly to us. It made our summer and was delicious too!



## May Fun Facts....

### "Flowers and Protests"

May is a month filled with superstitions and remembrances. Most of us do not dance around the flagpole any more but we do look for a swarm of honey bees to know we will have a great summer harvest. May day used to mean surprising your neighbor with flowers and now it is a day of protest. And the surprise is we never know if the protests will be peaceful and shine the light on the problem or be hijacked into chaos. But more than all that it is a day of remembrance for the sacrifices our veterans have made which always warms my heart. The Lily of the Valley is the official flower of the month.

## What's Growing on...

### News & Noteworthy

May is always one of our busiest months. We are finishing up the thatching, aerating and over-seeding just in time for the warm wet weather of May. We have started pruning and will be doing all hedges and detail pruning over the next month. Irrigation start-ups are planned for the end of the month or early June depending on the weather. And it is a great time to mulch. Let us know if you would like to get onto our calendar. We are scheduling about two weeks out right now.