

Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.



A Volunteer Organization of the UW-Cooperative Extension Service

The Door County Master Gardeners, in partnership with the Door County Seed Library, are demonstrating how to grow vegetables, herbs and flowers in small space gardens at The Garden Door!

Visit the gardens often and watch the plants grow in their small spaces from seedling to harvest!

Start Vegetable Gardening...by Starting Small

Are you someone who does not have an abundance of land for a vegetable garden? Would you like to learn how to grow plants without feeling intimidated by the idea of a large vegetable garden? Small space and container gardening may be the answer you were looking for!

The Door County Master Gardeners along with the Door County Seed Library are growing vegetables, herbs, and annual flowers in small spaces, portable containers and straw bales! We are also demonstrating vertical gardening – a great way to “grow up”!

Things to Know Before You Grow

Choosing Plants

The size of your container will determine the size of the plant. Containers are available in many sizes.

Determinate vs Indeterminate

Determinate plant varieties grow to a certain size and produce fruit all at once. Determinate plants will have a bush like appearance. They are good for growing in pots or grow bags.

Indeterminate plant varieties will continue to grow and produce fruit throughout the growing season until they are killed off by the first frost. They are perfect for vertical space growing. They will need to be staked or trellised.

Companion Planting

Companion planting is the close planting of different plants that enhance each other's growth or protect each other from pests.

Watering Requirements

Small container gardens will need frequent watering.

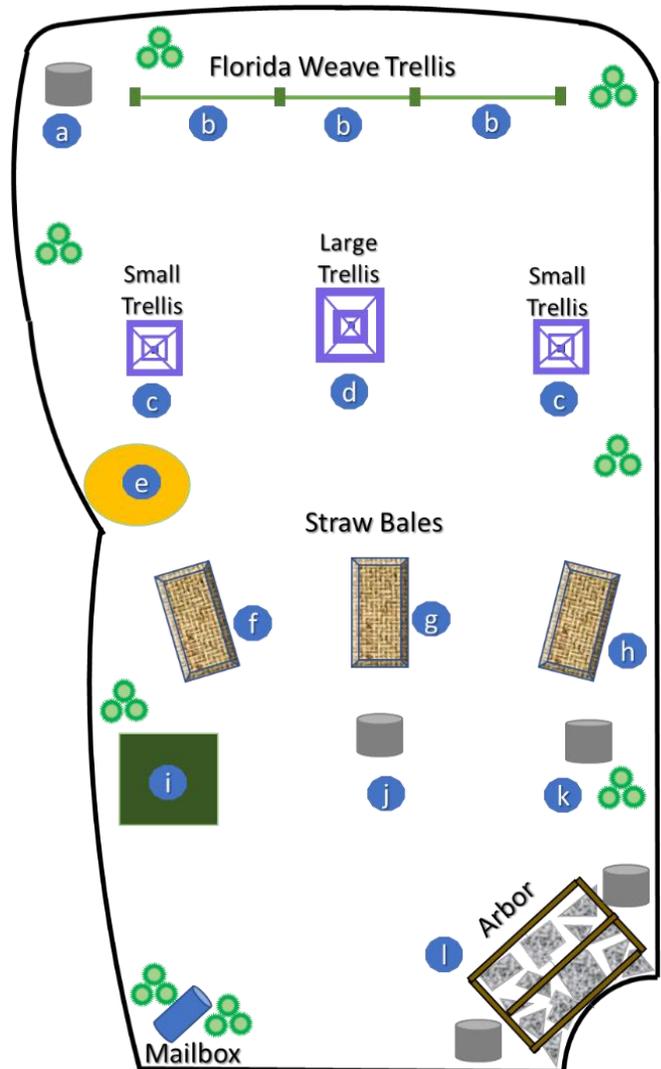
Bonus! Saving Seeds

We are also demonstrating how to save seeds from these crops: tomatoes, lettuce and common beans, which are self-pollinating crops, so they are perfect for beginning seed savers. We will allow these plants to grow and produce over the summer months, and then in the fall we will harvest the seeds. For seed saving, we will harvest the best-looking tomatoes, allow the lettuce to bolt (grow a flower stalk) and set seeds, and let the beans fully mature on the plants and dry in their pods.

What We're Growing The small spaces garden is located on the north end of The Garden Door. Below is a list of the plants growing in the demonstration garden.

Note: Some plant locations may change.

- a. Ten-Gallon Grow Bag with: Red Salad Bowl and Chef's Choice Lettuce; and Cherry Belle Radishes.
 - b. Florida Weave Trellis with: Sun Sugar, Green Zebra and San Marzano Tomatoes. Genovese and Sweet Basil plants surround the trellis stakes.
 - c. Vertical growing: Marketmore Bush Cucumbers.
 - d. Vertical growing: Combination of Grandpa Ott's and Ismay Morning Glory.
 - e. Straight Neck Summer Squash.
 - f. Straw bale herb garden containing: Flat-leaf, Curled-leaf and Chervil Parsley; Dill, Fennel, Thyme, Sage and Rosemary.
 - g. Straw bale with: Red Russian and Blue Curled Kale; Red and Gold Beets and Nante Carrots.
 - h. Straw bale with: Nante Carrots and Paris Island Cos Head Lettuce.
 - i. Ken Paschke Beans for seed saving.
 - j. Ten-Gallon Grow Bag with: Peppers and Cilantro.
 - k. Ten-Gallon Grow Bag with: Glacier Tomatoes.
 - l. Arbor with a combination of Black-Eyed Susan Mix and African Sunset; and Cardinal Climber Vines.
- ✿ Companion plants: Alyssum, Marigolds, Cosmos and Zinnias throughout the garden serve as pest deterrents and pollinators.



Serving Our Community

All produce from this garden is donated to local food pantries.

Want to Learn More?

Some of the vegetables that you see in the demonstration garden were grown from seeds supplied by the Door County Seed Library. For more information, please visit: [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#)