

# Westbank Community Garden



*No winter wind shall chill my gardening heart.*

~Blake Schreck

## GARDENER SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Joanne Ryan (plot 10)

**I have lived in Austin since:** 1986.

**My favorite thing to grow is:** pumpkins.

**My favorite drink is:** Topo Chico.

**My dream garden project would be:** a flower garden so I could have fresh flowers in house my every day.

**The most exciting place I have visited has been:** is to the Matterhorn glacier in Zermatt, Switzerland on a gondola. In shorts! Nearly froze to death!

**If I won the lottery, I would:** move to a ranch in Wyoming and be friends with the Pioneer Woman (the cookbook author).

**My perfect day would include:** coffee, a Texas French Bread scone, a run around town lake and then a movie at Violet Crown.

**I'm currently reading:** books by Jon Gordon. He writes inspirational insights on bringing out the best in yourself and your team. (My kids are 16,13,11. I'm overloaded with team sports at our house!)

**One of my hidden talents is:** gardening, I hope! I haven't had a garden since I was a kid.

## NEW GARDENER

Welcome, **Elise Grusendorf!** She is taking over for Ellen Tucker (plot 5) because Ellen has moved to Lake Travis. Glad to have you, Elise!

## WHAT TO PLANT IN FEBRUARY



**From seed:** Beets, Carrots, Endive, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Mustard Greens, Parsnip, Peas, Radish, Rutabaga, Spinach, Turnips, Chives, Cilantro, Dill, Echinacea, Parsley

**From plants:** Beets, Carrots, Endive, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Mustard Greens, Parsnip, Peas, Radish, Rutabaga, Spinach, Turnips, Calendula, Chives, Cilantro, Dill, Echinacea, Fennel, Feverfew, Lavender, Pansies, Parsley, Oregano, Rosemary, Sage, Savory, Sorrel, Thyme

## GROWING VEGGIES FROM CUTTINGS



In my home garden, I've been experimenting with growing vegetables from leftover produce from the grocery store or farmer's market. I took the celery photo on the left a few weeks ago and it has already doubled in size! The photo on the right is garlic. For most plants, it's a simple process of letting the base of the vegetable soak in water for a few days until there are substantial roots, and then just transplant into the ground. Has anyone else had luck (good or bad) with this technique? Share your experience! -Alex



Look at this gorgeous meal that Marcia (plot 9) whipped up! The bok choy, broccoli, kale, arugula, and basil all came from her garden! (Only the rice, capers, tomatoes, and garlic came from the store.) Way to go, Marcia!

## NAME THIS PLANT



...And the winner of our December's *Name That Plant* contest is Deika (plot 7) for knowing that this parsley relative is chervil (*Anthriscus cerefolium*) and so wins a \$10 gift card to Barton Springs Nursery!



*This edible gourd is featured in African and Asian cuisines, but in the States it is more well known as a bathing accessory -- its seed pod is dried and used as a gentle exfoliant.*

Think you know? Be the first to email Alex the common or Latin name!

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