'Tips for a Great Vegetable Garden'
Comes to the Medfield Library on March 16

It has been a warmer and wetter than usual winter and the spring gardening season is just around the corner. Do you know what and when to plant? Knowing the correct answer can be the difference between a lush garden full of vegetables and a patch of withered plants and seeds that never germinate.

Whether you're new to gardening or an experienced hand, there's always something new to learn. On Saturday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m., area gardeners will have the opportunity to get advice from an enthusiastic and especially knowledgeable authority on the subject.

Lifetime Master Gardener and Medfield resident Betty Sanders will present "Tips for a Great Vegetable Garden" at the Medfield Public Library. The program is open to everyone without charge, and concludes when the last question is answered.

She'll cover a full range of topics including how to lay out a vegetable garden, choosing what and when to plant, and caring for crops. You'll learn which mulches are best for which vegetables, why 'weed block' ground covers don't work, and how to put up a fence that will keep out unwanted, four-legged visitors.

Ms. Sanders is someone with considerable vegetable gardening expertise. She has appeared as a guest horticulturalist on *This Old House*, taught vegetable gardening techniques to the Boston office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and lectured at Tower Hill Botanic Garden and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, as well as hundreds of other groups.

In addition, she designed the popular 6000-square-foot seed-to-table vegetable garden at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's Elm Bank headquarters. She and her husband manage the Medfield Community Garden on Plain Street for the Conservation Commission.

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