

Take a tour of local gardens, Sept. 17



The Cornucopia Network of New Jersey is teaming up with Bloomfield and Montclair gardeners to offer free, self-guided tours of remarkable area vegetable gardens on Saturday, Sept. 17. Dig into the details below:

- **Ray Hoffman Garden**, 174 Valley Road, Montclair (across from Chestnut Street). Open 2-4:30. Tiered back yard vegetable beds, herbs and shade-loving perennials.
- **Studio 41 Garden**, 41 Oak Hill Road, Clifton (north end of Montclair State campus, just beyond the Overlook Building entrance). Open noon to 8 p.m. Created by Charles Schaefer and Jessica Tanis to experiment with organic produce grown on paved areas using repurposed materials. With nearly 200 plants, the garden makes use of discarded milk crates, shipping pallets, a modified water heater tank, and other household discards. Natural methods are employed to reduce pests and nourish plants. (Any problems getting there, call 973-341-0525.)
- **Pulaski Park Community Garden**, corner of Mt. Vernon Avenue and Howard Street. Open 9:30-11 a.m. Includes 4' x 8' individual plots for veteran and first-time community gardeners. One gardener has been experimenting with a do-it-yourself cold frame. This stop includes a 10 a.m. workshop and a cooking demo for new gardeners.
- **Pat Kenschafft Garden**, at 56 Gordonhurst Avenue, Montclair. Open 9-11 a.m. Pat raises most of her family's year-round vegetables with no poisons, power machinery, or commercial fertilizers.
- **Montclair Community Pre-K Garden**, 49 Orange Road, Montclair. 200 pre-school students maintain an herb garden, butterfly garden, berry patch and six-bed edible garden — one garden planted by each classroom. The entire school composts and uses a rain barrel, and the grounds include a two-story mural by local artist Jen Levine. Open all day on weekends. Access from the main entrance of the Board of the Education Building at 22 Valley Road. Park along the driveway to the right of the building.