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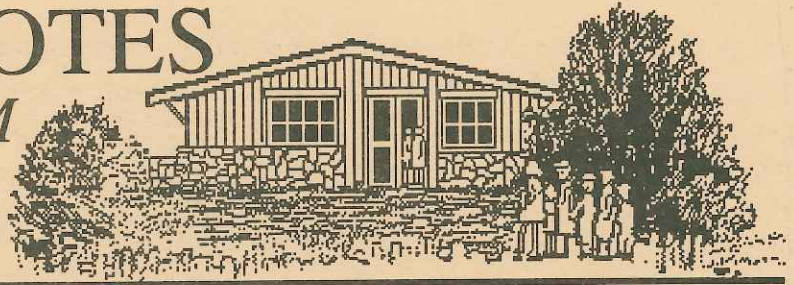
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Louise Cain, Editor

You Won't Want To Miss July 15

At the Louise Cain Gatehouse at the Farm from 11:00 - 1:00 on Saturday, July 15, the Friends are presenting a special occasion for members -----

- *Our first-ever Flower Festival
- *Inauguration of the new Amphitheatre
- *A pot luck luncheon
- *The Annual Friends' Meeting:
our President's last hurrah
the election of officers and board members
- *A special door prize
- *Sale of Farm and Garden flowers

We hope you will come in flowered shirts and skirts and a blossom behind an ear. The Gatehouse and grounds will be decorated with flowers. The walls inside will include framed garden photographs (\$10) by Stanley Cain. Other highlights include a medicinal plant booth, another from the Bonny Doon Lavender Farms (including the soaps!), and displays from Shepherd's Seeds and Arboretum Associates.

Luncheon will include a special punch with strawberries and borage flowers floating and a cake topped by an icing of our ancient farmer harvesting his leeks. And we hereby ask you, our members, to bring a favorite salad or appetizer. (If you have questions phone Kima at 429-3299)

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE FRIENDS - 1988-1989

Dear Friends,

As I write this report, I'm sitting on our deck overlooking the Straits of Juan de Fuca. The peaks of the Olympic Mountains are still glistening with snow; the placid blue of the water is just now being dimpled by the pod of orca whales which passes along the shore each morning (17 of them today). Tubs of bright petunias and lobelia surround my writing table, giving depth to this sun-drenched vista.

While it must be apparent that I'm taking joy in our new environs, it is with great regret that I give up my active association with the Friends of the Farm and Garden. The three years of my board membership have been filled with the pleasure of growing -- the lovely and always miraculous growth of produce and beauty from the soil, and the growth of individuals and relationships among all of you who make such productivity possible.

The Farm and Garden hold for me a demonstration of values that are all too often scarce in our modern existence. These two small verdant spots cradled in the Santa Cruz campus hold the truths of hard labor, of respect and reverence for little live things, of individual accomplishment and group caring, of the image of a future where we may not have to poison each other and our world in order to create a finer life.

While the efforts of the Friends toward these ends may seem tiny and sometimes futile, I truly believe that together we can make dreams come true--dreams of research relevant to a hungry world; dreams of beauty and quality of life through the bounty of a nurtured earth; dreams of learning and discovery by involvement with the living cycles of the seasons and with each others' lives. All of these things are happening, now, today. Some of them are still seeds in the ground; some of them are but tender tiny shoots. It is our role as Friends to water and nourish and cultivate and disseminate in order to make these dreams grow to fruition.

I do want to thank you for all you've done this year -- the things that one by one have been accomplished through your caring, your giving, your time and your money. We now have the Farm completely surrounded by deer fencing. The outdoor education amphitheater by the Gatehouse is now a reality. We have a new Friends storage shed up by the barn. The Farm Center has new shelves in the kitchen and glorious new screening on the doors and windows. We have rainbows of new colors in our selection of shirts and aprons and totes. We've allocated funds for children's scholarships to our (someday) new summer day camps, and for a horticultural outreach slide show. The list goes on, and each item is a bedding plant for tomorrow. Thank you, one and all.

May the sun shine on each of your dreams.

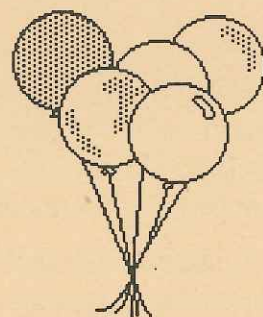
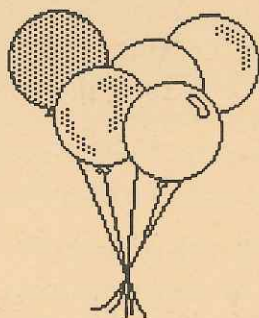
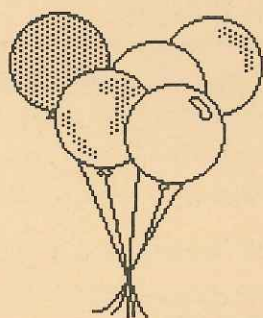
Alice C. Cook

San Juan Island, Washington, June, 1989

A Field Trip to Three Local Gardens

On Saturday, August 19, the Friends cordially invite you to share the pleasure of visiting three gardens of Friends in Santa Cruz.

Time	Host	Place
10:00 a.m.	Marshall Riley former 4-star Apprentice	209 Golf Club Dr.
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Gerry and Kay Bowden Former President; long-time Friends	225 Ross St.
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Wendy and Dav Summer Friends responsible for the new look of the News and Notes since September 1988	202 Pelton Ave.



Locations will be marked with balloons. One note: to reach Marshall's place, turn left just beyond Salz Leathers and United Parcel. Stop at the house on the left immediately after the underpass. Marshall's unique raised beds form a circular vegetable, herb and flower garden with spiral pathways leading to a center focus. We are leaving you plenty of morning time if you wish to walk down the road to former Apprentice Fran Coor's Farm, once shared with Dennis Tamura. If you missed the May field trip to the Blue Heron Farm in Corralitos, this is your chance to see another organic commercial garden which has profited from U.C.S.C. Farm and Garden training.

The afternoon gardens are unusually colorful, combining some perennials with massed annuals. Gerry Bowden is experimenting with some unusual new plants and thriving dwarf fruit trees in a well planned area behind the Bowden house. The Summers' garden illustrates how to handle a corner lot with striking plantings on three sides. It surpasses in brilliance all of the garden catalogues, is a delight to passers-by and an unholy temptation as well. You will wish you could imitate the decking and containers which Dav built. Wendy and Dav provide meticulous maintenance even though both have full work schedules.

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