



I love Audrey Hepburn's quote, "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." It offers hope and inspiration. The seeds sown today will someday blossom. It reminds me to focus on what I am sowing, both in the garden and in the community.

This gardening season has brought unexpected treasures. Two budding gardeners, Emerson and Avery, have joined my garden team. These young apprentices, ages 9 and 10, delight in worms, the occasional skink, and the Cooper's hawk nesting in the trees. During one of our recent conversations, we discussed Victory Gardens, which were cultivated during times of food scarcity (WW I, II, The Great Depression). Excitedly, the girls decided that we should plant a Victory Garden, one whose bounty we could share.

In this month's column, I decided to change the format. Instead of answering gardening questions, I will ask them. Emerson and Avery will be the teachers. They have been assigned the task of researching Victory Gardens.

Q : What is a Victory Garden?

Emerson: During WW I and II, people grew gardens in yards and public parks so they could get the food they needed.

Avery : When food availability was low, people grew their own food so that they could get what they needed.

Q: What types of vegetables were grown in Victory Gardens?

Emerson and Avery: Tomatoes, onions, potatoes, carrots, lettuce, beans and many others

Q: Why do you want to plant a Victory Garden?

Gardening is fun! We like to have food for our family and to share -mostly because it is fun...

Boscobel: Well done, girls, your teachers would be proud of your research.

With schools closed for the semester, children have plenty of time. Let's invite them into the garden. They can dig in the soil and feel the sun warm their skin. They can see butterflies hover on the flowers and hear songs of courting birds. They can squeal as they touch cow manure or an unexpected intruder on the lettuce.

Let's join the youngsters and have fun in the garden. Let's plant Victory Gardens and share with our neighbors. Let's play in the soil and remember that, just like our beloved plants, everything has a season.

Today's crises will fade. Let's focus on what we sow and, like Audrey Hepburn, believe in tomorrow.

Stay Well and Happy Gardening,  
Boscobel

