

A Narrative Account of the Development of the LGMG Demonstration Garden



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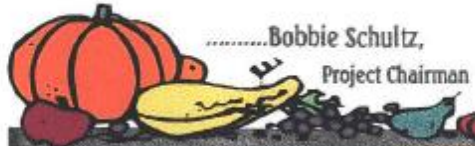
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Trivia Questions

(Answers on the last page)

1. What year was the first Hood County Master Gardeners Class?
2. What year was the Demonstration Garden started?

Demonstration Garden



.....Bobbie Schultz,
Project Chairman



2001



Karen Bitnar
& Bobbie Schultz

Wanda Riley,
Bobbie Schultz,
& Karen Bitnar



Demonstration

Garden

6/04/02

Work

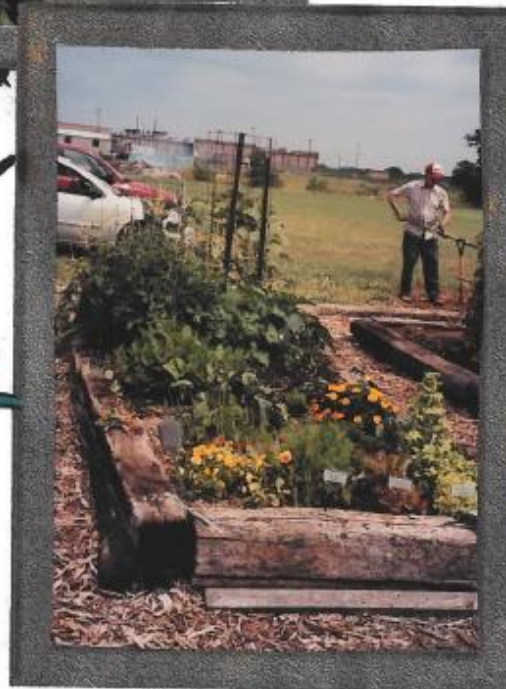
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Square Food Garden
with Bill Flusche, Karen
Bitnar, & Robbin
Brotsky looking on.



Square Foot Garden with
Nancy Parten's husband
working in the
background..



Demonstration

6/04/02

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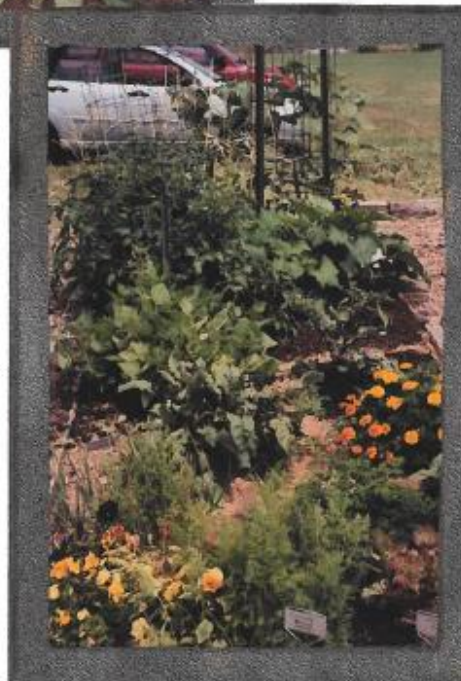
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Square Foot Garden.




Square Foot Garden.



2005 Demonstration Garden Layout

2005 Demonstration Garden

Mexican Bush Sage
Princess Blue Verbena



Texas Gold Columbine
Belinda's Dream

Lamitana

P P P A A
P P P A A

Perennials

Pepper Trial Bed

Texas Natives

Bell Pepper
Okra
Strawberries

Sq. Foot Garden

Herbs



Esperanza
Marie Daly

Texas Superstars

Brandywine Tomato

Yellow Squash

Zucchini

Blue Lake Gr. Beans	Stringless Green Pod Gr. Beans
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Cucumber

Salvias

Sq. Ft. Garden

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Tomato Trial Bed (Fertilization Sched)

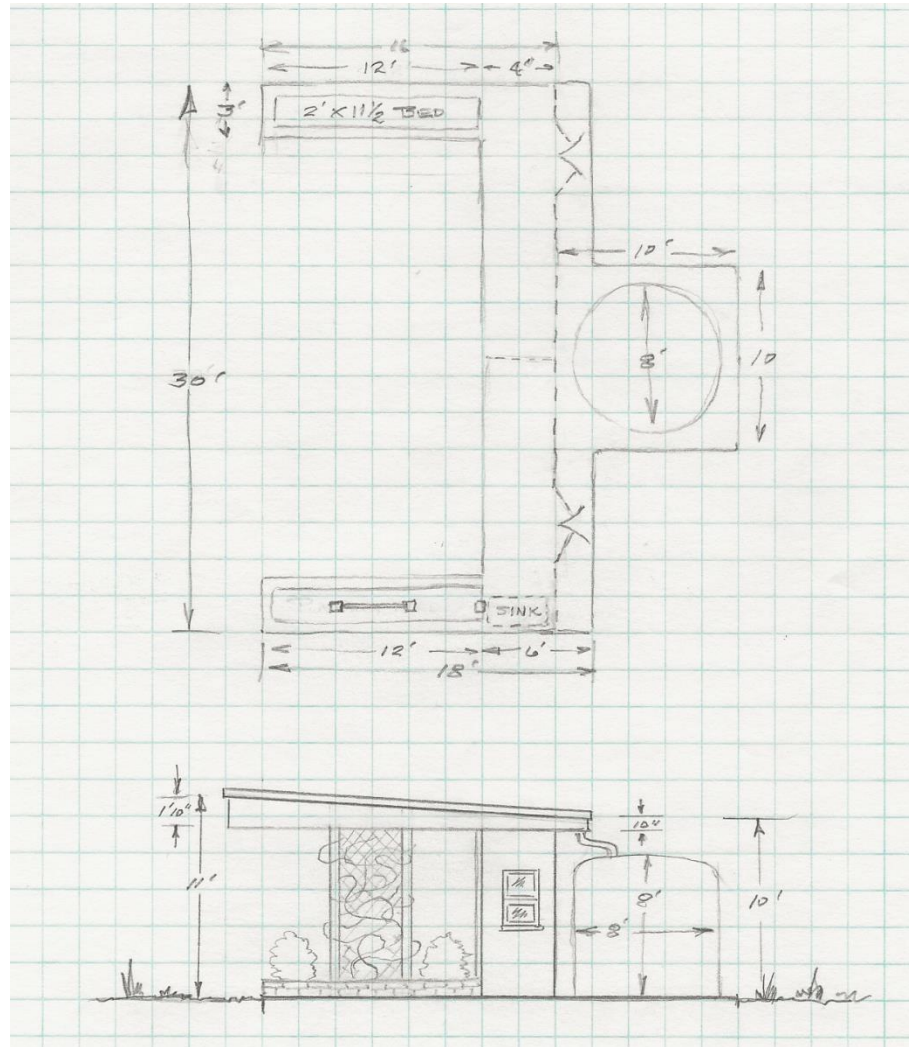
Tomato Trial Bed (non Sched Fert.)

P = Poblano Pepper, A = Anaheim Pepper, JP = Jalapeno,
HK = Health Kick Roma Tomato, 444 = Tx Superstar 444 Tomato

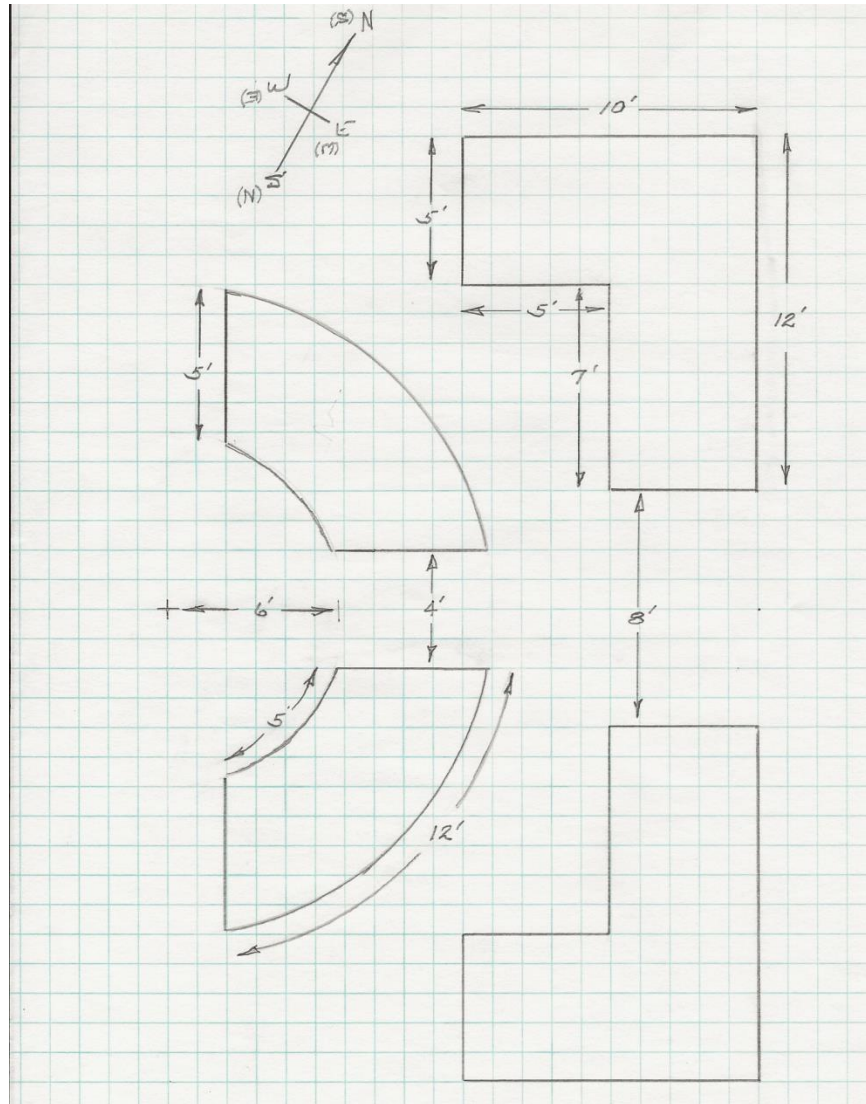


Eviction!

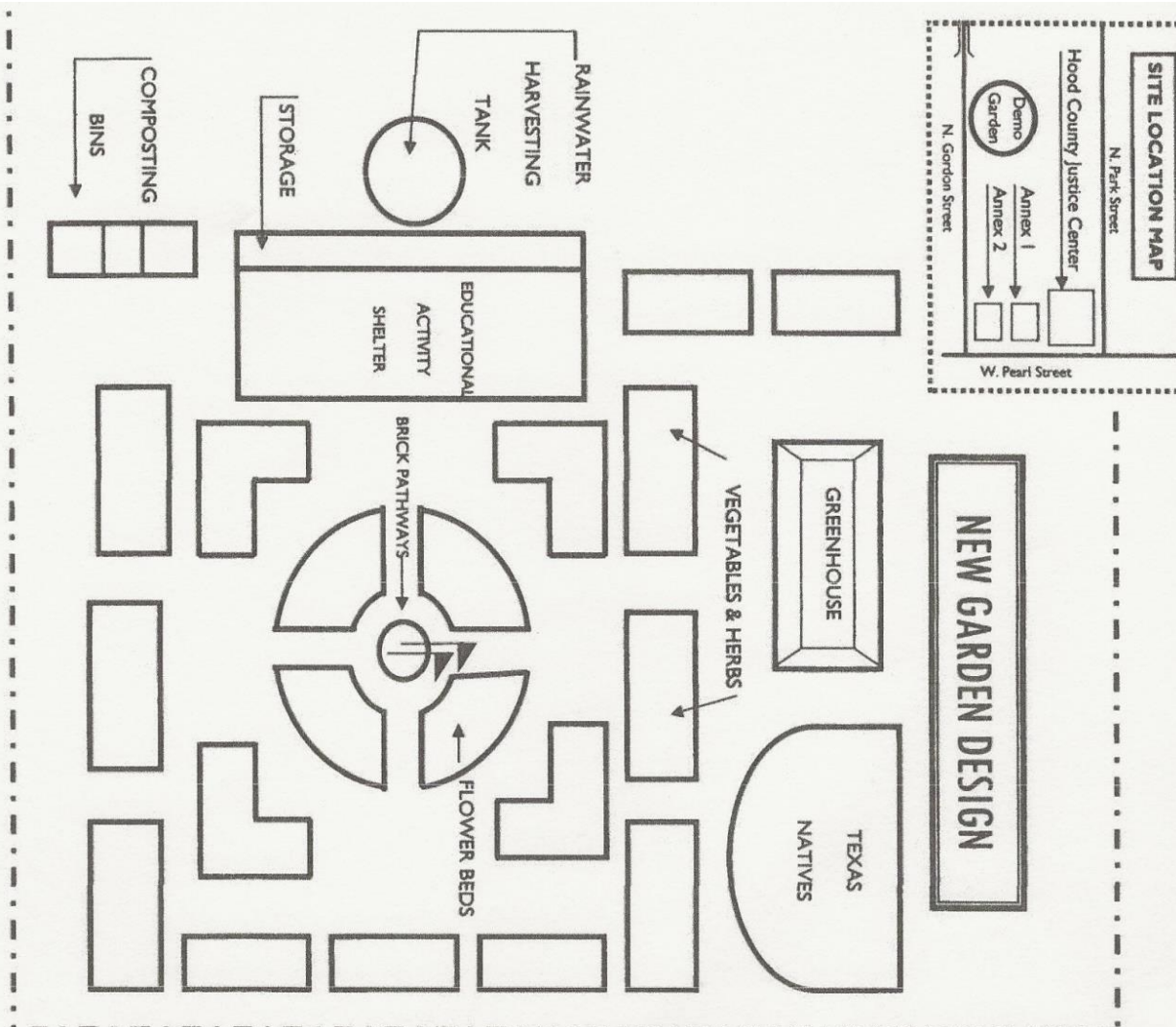
2007 Activity Shelter Plan



2007 Raised Bed Consideration



2007 New Demo Garden Design



2007 Construction



2007 Construction



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(Answers on the last page)

3. What happened to the rail road ties?
4. Where did the some of the stones for the raised beds come from?
5. Where did the pavers for the courtyard come from?

Grand Opening



You Are Invited

See exhibits on:

- ☼ *Development of the demonstration garden*
- ☼ *Rainwater harvesting*
- ☼ *Composting*
- ☼ *Drip irrigation*
- ☼ *EarthKind™ Rose trial garden*
- ☼ *Building a water feature*

Opening Ceremony & Ribbon Cutting 10 a.m.
Refreshments & Garden tours 10:30 a.m.



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Grand Opening

Lake Granbury Master Gardeners
Demonstration, Research and Educational Garden

Saturday, October 13, 2007
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

200 N. Gordon Street, Granbury, TX
Located northwest of the
Hood County Justice Center
817-579-3280



Grand Opening

How Does a Garden Grow?

Join us on October 13 at 10 a.m. to celebrate the opening of Granbury's new demonstration garden, a place to learn about gardening and enjoy the colorful foliage and floral display, a place to relax and be among friends both human and herbaceous!

What You Will See

This year the Lake Granbury Master Gardeners vastly expanded the scope of their previous demonstration garden, moving it to a new site that's convenient to the Extension office, yet spacious and attractive. Master Gardeners volunteered hundreds of hours to plan, prepare the site and move compost and mulch to fill the raised beds. After planting dozens of annuals, herbs, vegetables and perennials, they installed a rainwater collection tank and a drip irrigation system, which is fed by the tank. Also on site are picnic tables and benches, a teaching shelter and the beginnings of an EarthKind™ Rose trial garden.

Donors Made It Possible

The financial support provided by businesses, organizations and area citizens made this garden possible. Onsite are impressive granite markers inscribed with the names of our major donors. The pavers that form the pathway around the flagpole include commemorative, inscribed bricks purchased by donors.

The Master Gardeners are sincerely appreciative of this community's generosity. Donors have made the dream of an educational demonstration and research garden in Granbury a reality.



Laying first bricks

Setting the tank



Planting the first bed



Moving mulch



Members Attending the Ribbon Cutting



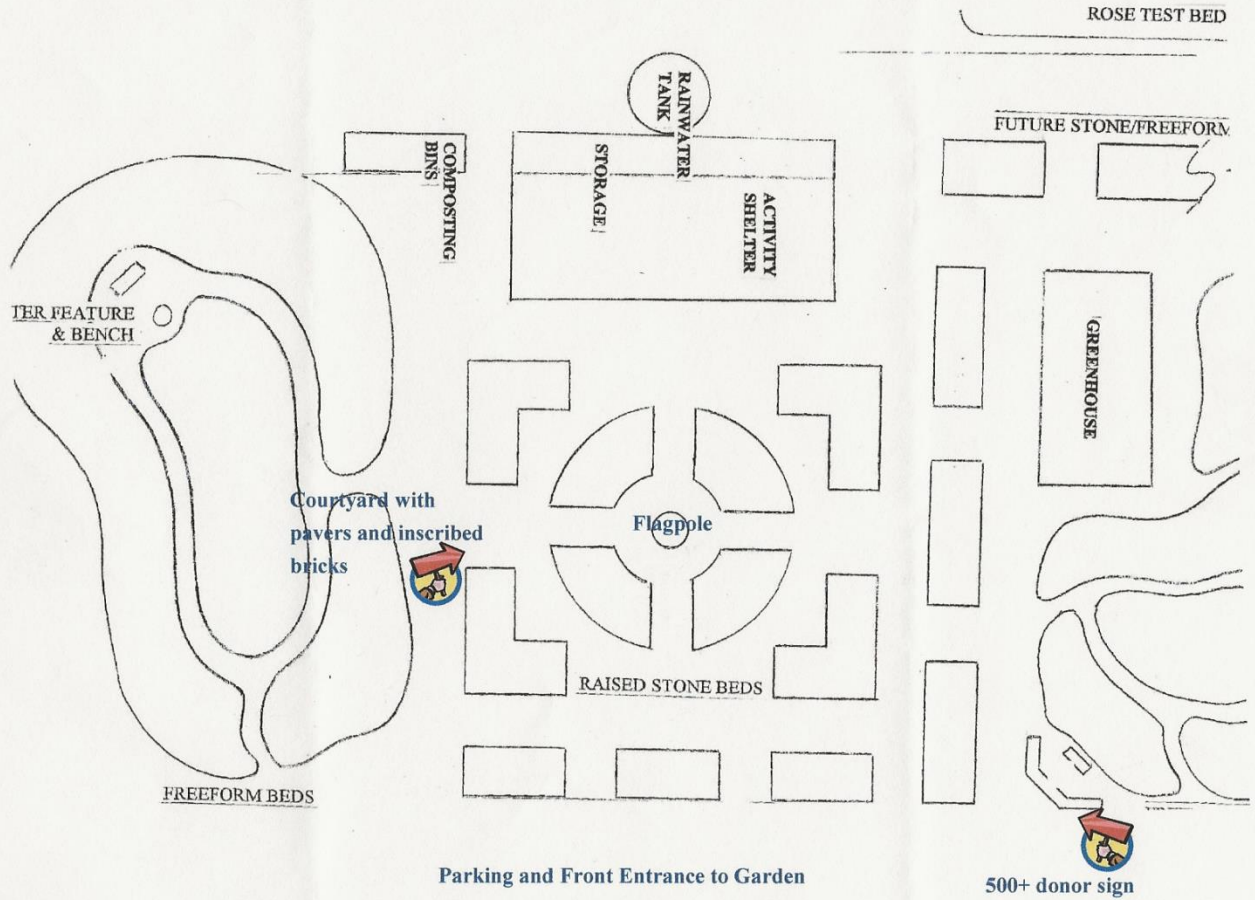
Ribbon Cutting



Continued Development

Gordon Street

NEW DEMONSTRATION GARDEN



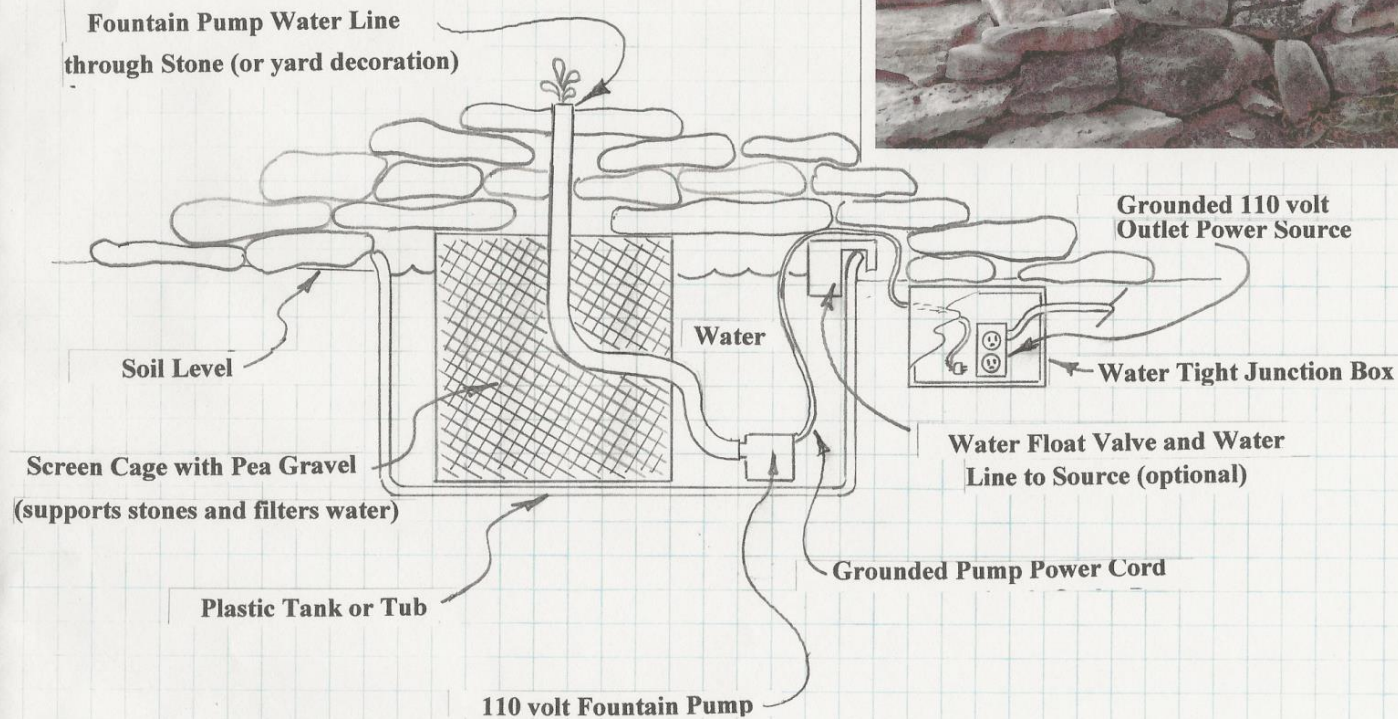
Annex Complex / Pearl Street

Expansion to the West



Water Feature Drawing

WATER FEATURE (Typical Design)



Trivia Questions

6. Where did the Ranch Tool sculpture come from?
7. Where did the Crape Myrtles around the Rain Garden come from?

Eastward - EarthKind Rose Trial



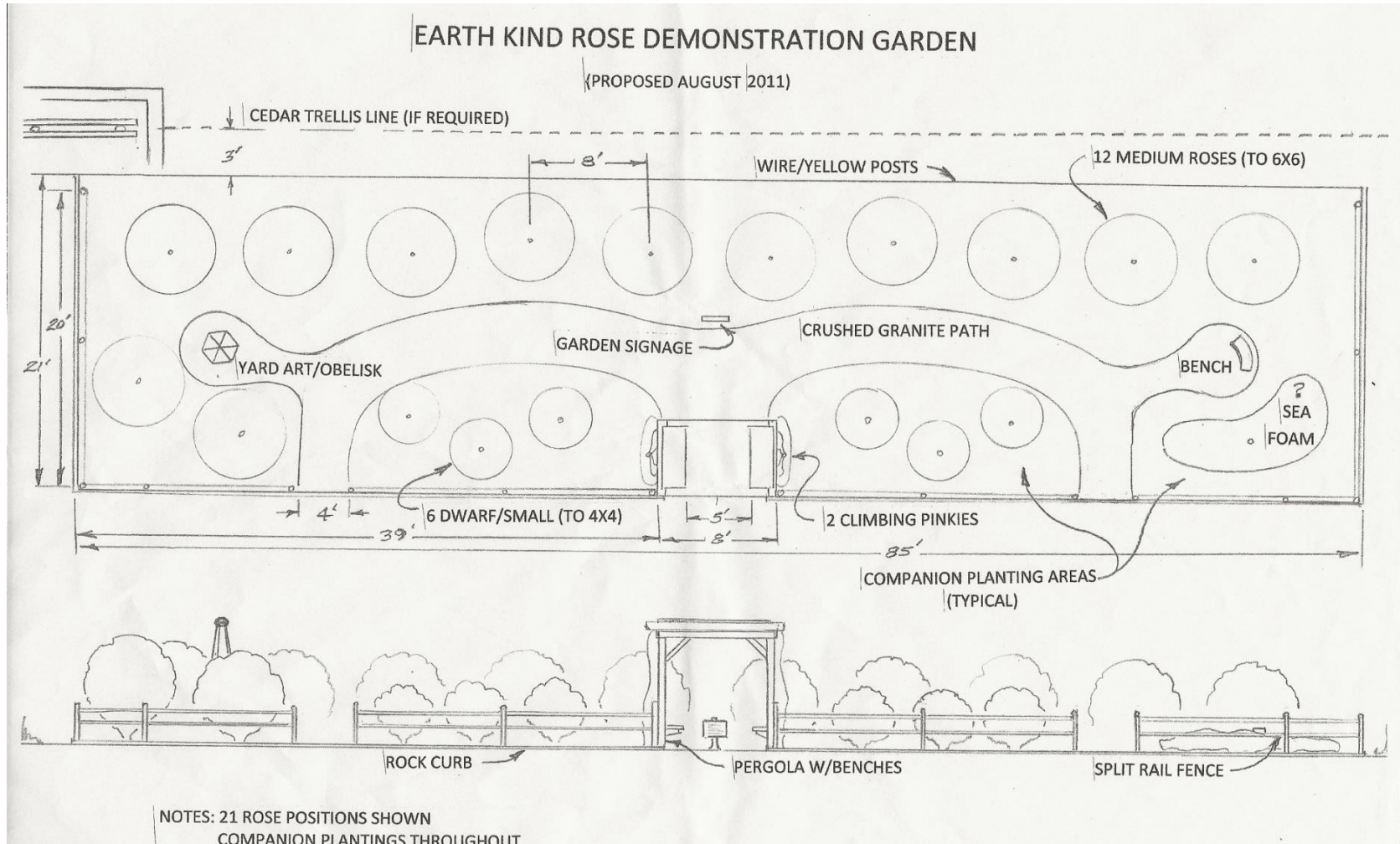
Dr. Steve George discusses the Hood County trial garden with project chairs, Mary Lynn Martin and Kathy Lowe.

Disposition of the Trial Roses



Wow! My transplant loves its new home!
This Carefree Beauty was top and root trimmed on
September 26. It went into the ground at its new home September
27. This new growth was seen on October 9!

Rose Garden Plan

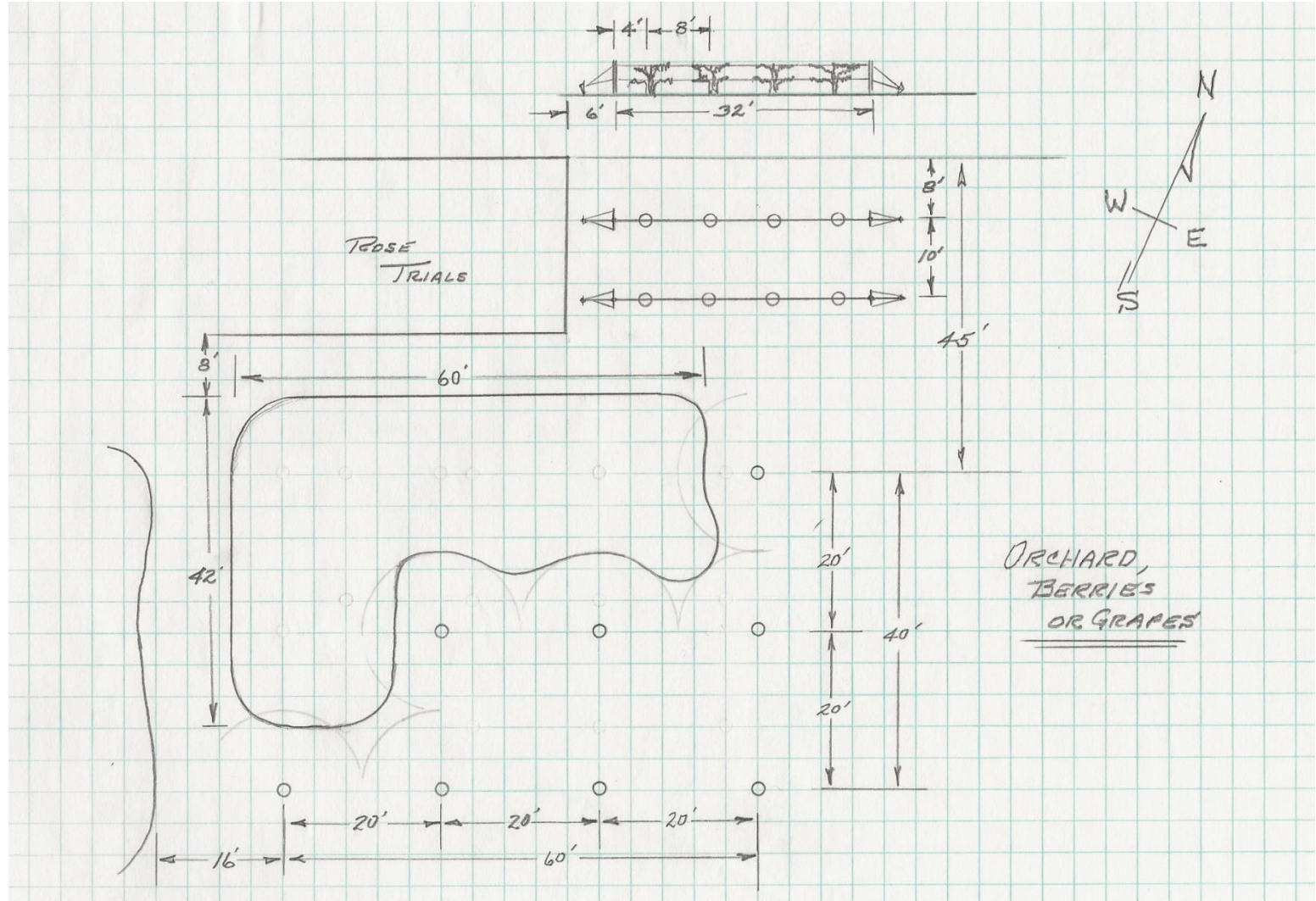


Rose Garden Ready for Planting

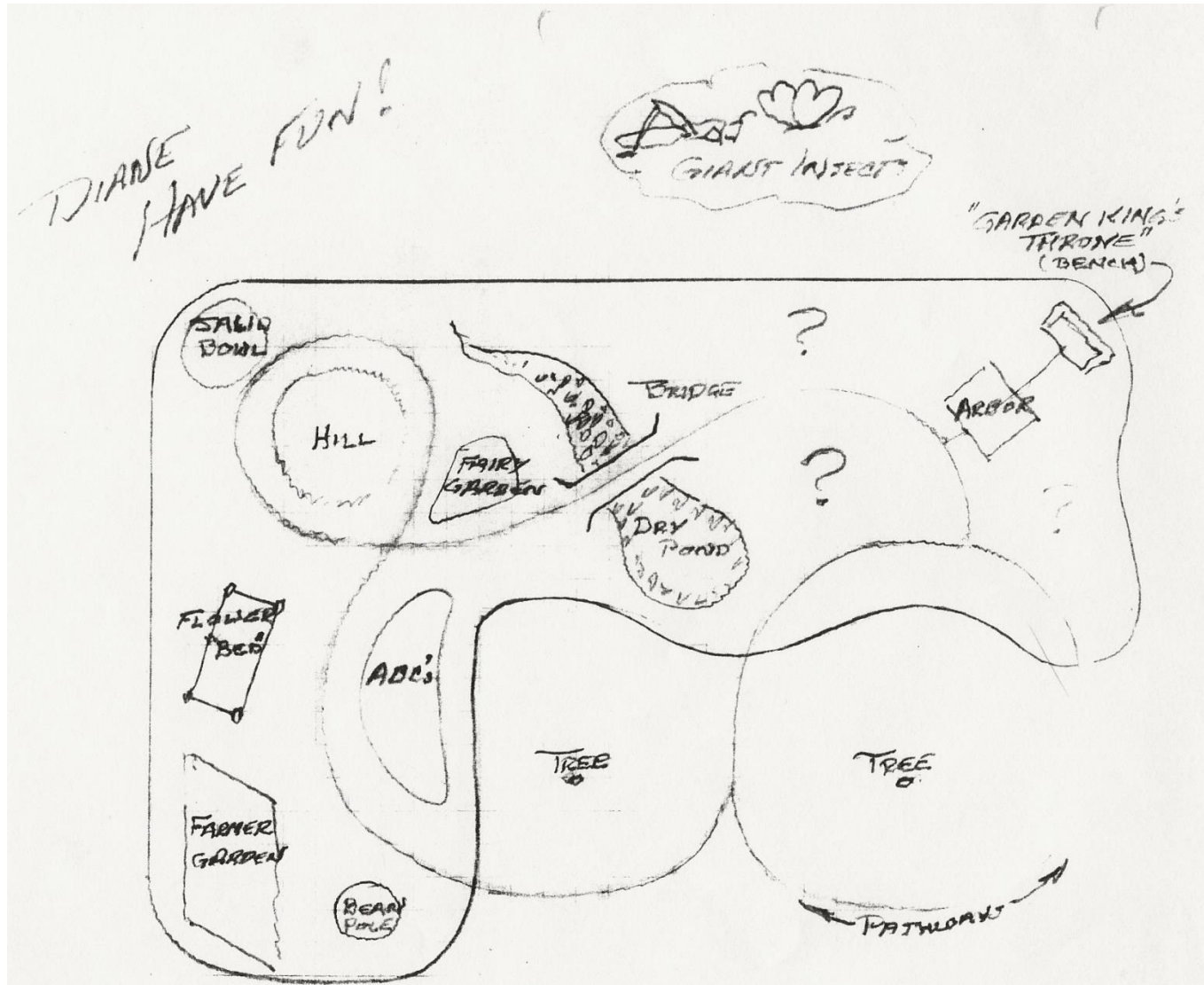
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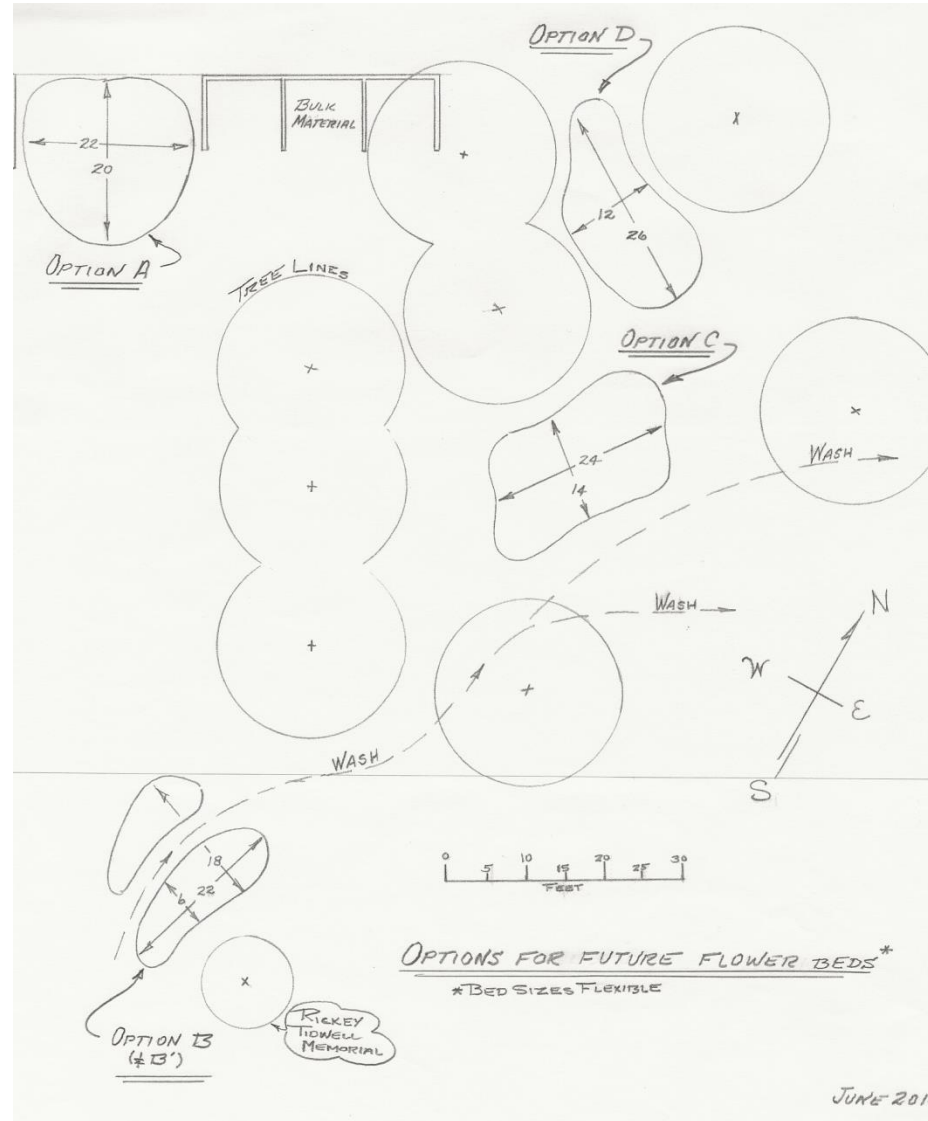
Proposed Expansion to the East



Back of a Napkin Children's Garden



Continued Expansion - Day Lily Options



Day Lily Site Selection



Day Lily Arial View



Demo Garden Aerial View 2013



Trivial Question Answers

1. Year of first class 1994
2. Year of 1st Demo Garden 1998
3. Rail road ties from 1st Demo Garden – moved to the back retaining wall
4. Rock for raised beds Justice Center
5. Pavers for the “Court Yard” Acme donation
6. Origin for sculpture The Blaylocks
7. Source of Crape Myrtles Court House

Closing

- Discussion
- Thank you