

## Planting Tomatoes. Growing Communities.

Welcome everyone to the 2017 growing season at the InterGenerate Garden! We're thrilled that you've decided to join our community.

InterGenerate was founded in 2009 by Roseann Rutherford and Rev. Peggy Clarke who were looking for a way to address the fragmentation of our local communities. With so many people disconnected from their own neighbors and a dramatic generational divide that seems only to increase, Peggy and Roseann wanted to find a way to encourage intergenerational communities. (Pssst...That's where the name comes from.) Because they are also committed to environmental sustainability, creating ways for people to source their food locally with their neighbors became an obvious way to address a multitude of issues.

InterGenerate started with an intergenerational garden camp held at the Bedford Audubon in 2009. The next year the Rusticus Garden Club in Bedford provided us a very generous grant to open our first community garden in Mt. Kisco located at Marsh Sanctuary. In the next two years we opened gardens in Katonah at John Jay Homestead and Chappaqua thanks to the Ambulance Corps.

InterGenerate has been on the cutting edge of local food sourcing, not just by creating a sustainable and replicable model for community gardens but through innovation. InterGenerate started the first communal egg co-op with about 25 families raising about 45 hens together, and in 2016 we piloted a new model for farmer's markets, working with local growers to source a market with reduced prices at Neighbor's Link.

The InterGenerate mission is to build sustainable communities on a healthy planet. To that end, we keep our annual fees as low as possible, hoping to encourage people of any income level to join. In addition, all of our gardens house a Giving Garden, a plot that **every member** commits to maintaining in community with other gardeners so that we can provide food to food insecure neighbors.

Every project at InterGenerate is managed by its members. While we have a Board of Directors who provide oversight and funding, the members are largely responsible for the day to day work. As a new member, we encourage you to get to know who's on your leadership team and to pitch in whenever you can.

We at InterGenerate are very happy to include you in our membership. If you have any questions, any member of the leadership team at your garden or project or any member of the board Board is happy to talk with you. We rarely ask for donations, but we're happy to accept them if you'd like to support our mission. Ways to donate and other information can be found on our web site at intergenerate.net.

Thanks for joining the local food movement and for being part of a community of people seeking both social and environmental sustainability. We're glad to call you one of our own.

In Peace and Gratitude,

The InterGenerate Team
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