

# In the Garden

## Liz' Glorious Gutter Garden

There are times in the wide world of gardening when you just have to stop and applaud a really fine success. This is the case with my neighbour Liz's fabulous gutter garden. Now I need to explain that Liz is not your average gardener. Liz comes to Mill Bay from years of experience in the very prestigious Seattle master Gardener's association. This is a massive group with some real star garden power so I knew when Liz mentioned she was going to make a gutter garden this would be a ripper.

Liz's source for her plan was 'Larry Hall's Self watering Rain Gutter Grow System'. She saw it on YouTube and was impressed. In fact she was so impressed she went right out and bought all the parts and set one up. Oh boy does it ever grow stuff! This would work really well for gardeners who have downsized to a small space but still want wonderful fresh vegetables.

In a nutshell you seal up rain gutters and attach them to a water system. You place buckets full of grow mix on top of the gutters with a drain that protrudes into the gutter. The plants can then suck up as much water whenever they want. At the moment she has giant tomatoes, kale, lettuce, basil, peppers, sunflowers, and watermelon in her gutter garden. She and her husband have



been munching on the garden's contents for weeks now and it's still full of fresh food. This is not an easy thing to build for someone with zero construction skills, HOWEVER if you follow Larry's instructions step by step from YouTube it is a doable project. Check it out online! Search "Larry Hall Gutter Garden" on Google or YouTube Don't forget the Mill bay Garden

Club has it's first fall meeting on 24 September at 6:45 pm at the Mill Bay Hall.

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