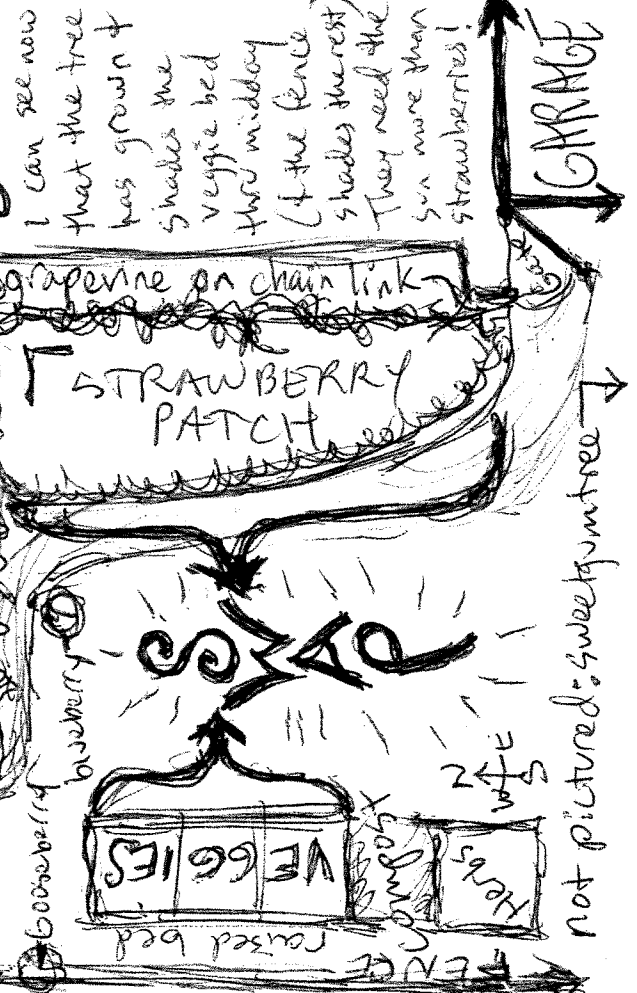
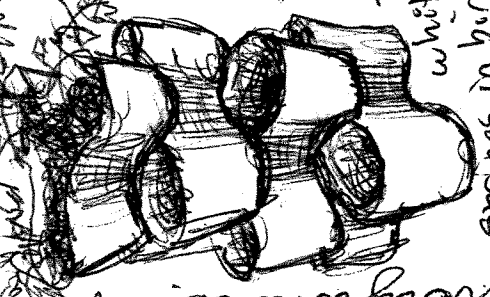


Back to the drawing board:



I should really wait until fall/cooler weather but I'm too excited. Some strawberries are now in the raised bed of some are in a stacked container temporarily. The previous homeowners had placed some kind of tarp/weed-barrier in this bed, which I realize now is the source for those black and white striped strawberries in bird's nests everywhere. HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE.



To get to the nearest VERTICAL SURFACE!

I helped this guy find a tree during my neighborhood walk & found the shell later - so neat! screaming w/ the rest now

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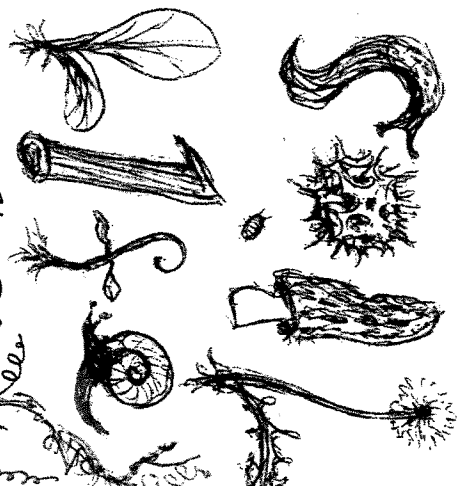
I feel pretty bad about it. I can't wait to get it out and make this a healthy place for ALL life to thrive!

Lots of inspo from Kelly Smith Trimble's 'The Creative Vegetable Gardener' book.

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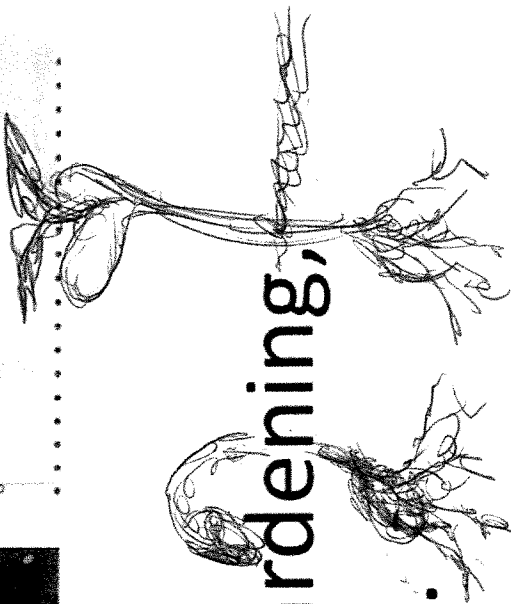


The best part of my morning is seeing fresh & hummingbirds visiting the Zinnias in my native/pollinator garden



Metaphors
for
LIFE

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This time lapse sequence shows
what happens when a bean ger-
minates and sprouts. Notice how
the roots spread downward first so
they can collect enough energy for
the stem to head up and out of the
ground to find the sunshine.
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CHAPTER 1

AMEND

Rethink the Rules

OF VEGETABLE GARDENING

HEALTHY SOIL IS THE KEY TO A HEALTHY GARDEN—without that foundation, plants won't thrive. But rather than being a truly solid foundation, healthy soil is, in reality, fluffy and loose. It contains space for the free flow of water, air, and nutrients through its structure, and it allows the movement of a diverse range of creatures that contribute to its health and regeneration.

Similarly, the foundational “soil” of our gardening principles and systems is strongest when open and flexible, inviting the free movement of ideas, experimentation, innovation, and creativity. A rigid rubric for vegetable gardening is just as unhelpful as compacted soil is for our gardens. Let's loosen up the traditional “rules” of gardening to create space for new ideas. Let's turn over old ways of thinking and cultivate new ground in which to grow even better, more useful, beautiful, and fulfilling gardens.

excerpt from Kelly Smith Trimble's
THE CREATIVE VEGETABLE GARDENER

keep growing

There are no mistakes in gardening,
...only experiments.

