



Come visit
ING'S GARDEN

Camp Valaqua

Where are we going?

Ing's Garden is located just north of Camp Valaqua's main property.



To visit, drive past the ***Water Valley Campground*** and turn **right** at this **gate**.

HISTORY

(OR SHOULD THAT BE HER-STORY?)

The garden was the dream of **Ingrid Janssen** who passed away in 2015, sadly never seeing her dream become a reality.

Ingrid and her husband **Jeff Schellenberg** were the Camp Managers, a position that Jeff continues to this day.



The gate, built by **Jon Olfert**, pays tribute to Ing's dream.

The beginnings...

Rocky soil made gardening a challenge. That first year, layers of cardboard covered the grass. Then, sheep manure and mushroom compost added more layers -- the lasagna method for creating **DIRT**.

Compost now enriches the soil and the garden is fertile!

A fence keeps out hungry deer but berry-loving birds continue to be a challenge!

The first gardener was **Anika Reynar**.



The project grew...

In time, one of the old cabins was repurposed as a storage shed and a chicken coop.

Rain barrels were added for irrigation!



Decorating the Shed



THE GREENHOUSE

PROTECTION FOR THE MORE VULNERABLE PLANTS



THE GREENHOUSE 2023



THE GREENHOUSE 2024



Veggie Tales: Larry the Cucumber, Bob the Tomato, and more.

THE GREENHOUSE 2024

Drumroll...meet the brilliant
Bob the Tomato



A LOVELY SMALL FLOWER BED with a sweet little statue

WELCOMES ALL VISITORS



June August



AINSLEY DUNN 2024 gardener

“Going to the garden is calming, a quiet place. The wonder is seeing how spring work, such as planting tiny lettuce seeds, becomes summer bounty — more lettuce than we can eat!”





“The garden has been a place where people have come together this summer. It’s truly amazing to see the community that it builds not only with the PIT campers, but also the staff members. Staff have spent time weeding and just being silly together.

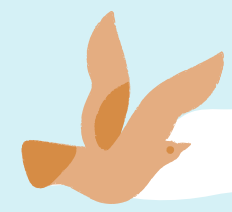
Community was something Ing wanted and I can say it was achieved!”

LIESEL RETZLAFF 2024 gardener

SOMETIMES MOMS HELP

because that's what Moms do





SPRING PLANTING BECOMES SUMMER FOOD!

“The garden is a conversation. It is understood that “it might not work out” Shopping at a market has different expectations. At a market, the expectation is that the food will be there.”

Louisa Adria, 2024 head cook





SPRING PLANTING BECOMES SUMMER FOOD!

“The garden is a patient place.

Food in the garden is more resilient than food in my fridge. The lettuce in the fridge goes bad, the lettuce in the garden waits. “

Louisa Adria, 2024 head cook



MORE THAN JUST VEGGIE TALES



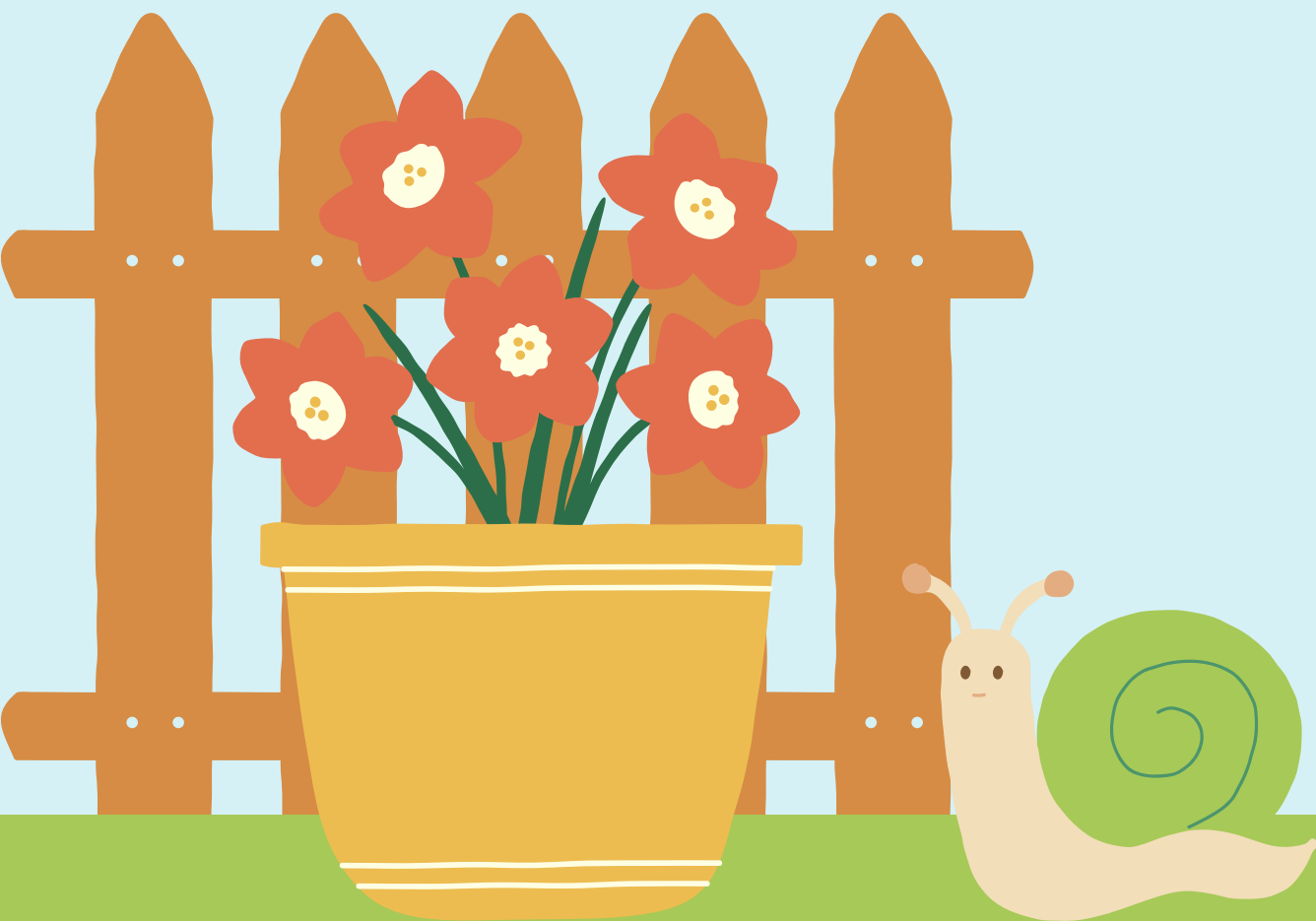
May 2024



August 2024

Raspberries!!

CELEBRATE ING'S GARDEN WITH A STICKER



Purchase at the
camp office



Thank you God for Ingrid's beautiful dream!

Her garden gives us a delicious taste
of God's creation!