

WHY Kinship Gardening?

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1.) To give us insight into the fabric of life.

The mosaic puzzle of living organisms has a deep internal pattern. Using the history of generations (whether written in books, databases, DNA or the pattern of leaves and flowers) to organize gardens based primarily on kinship is an educational process. It is a way to generate visions into the higher order structure intrinsic to life.

2.) To preserve a broad and deep sampling of plants by establishing gardens that maximize diversity.

The idea is to explore the fabric of life by planting gardens that have as many kinds of different plants as possible. Then we achieve several things simultaneously; conservation, diversification, education, exploration and discovery. Plant collections become important resources for looking into families, tribes, genera and species.

3.) To establish sanctuaries planted as harmonic subsets of the world flora.

While we have more access to remote regions, the destruction of habitats continues at a rapid pace, connected phenomena. The result is the loss of communities of organisms. Our backyards, fields, and flowerboxes can become alternative environments for refugees from the struggle for the earth. By using kinship layouts we develop new possibilities for growth, survival and success.