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Educational opportunities growing in New Kent Cooperative Extension garden



PICTURE CUTLINE: On April 26, 2010 Master Gardeners (left to right front row) Virginia Burrows, Mary Ellen Ackerman, Mary Ellen Edwards, Susan Voight and Mary Mills; (left to right back row) Eric Bramfitt, Ralph Ashton, Anne DeForest, Nancy Harris and Patty Townsend, planted New Kent Virginia Cooperative Extension Office's summer vegetables. All vegetables are now planted in "Carole's Garden," but there's still more work to be done from now through the fall. Those that participated went away with bags of produce (mustard greens, leeks, Hakurei turnips & greens, lots of lettuces such as romaine, buttercrunch and mesclun, spinach, kale & radishes). Currently the garden holds a variety of tomatoes, along with several different types of peppers, eggplants and a variety of herbs.

Carole's Garden is a demonstration and educational tool used to promote home gardening and organic pest control. A large cistern tank (2500 gallon) was installed to collect roof rainwater and will be used for watering the garden. The Master Gardeners also built a cold frame house to propagate plants for future use. Tours and workshops in the garden will be offered to school children, the public during the growing season, and during special events sponsored by the New Kent Virginia Cooperative Extension Office.

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