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### Garden and Weather Report

**H**ello from the Gardens! The picture in the center of this page is of my foot prints walking to the greenhouse through SNOW! Please think back to either last months or even maybe January when I warned of a 6" snow fall in March - gosh I hated being right on this one. I certainly hope we are done. One of the nice things though is after I have left my impressions on my way to the greenhouse, look to the bottom right, this is what I walk into and the temperature is always in the 80s in there when the sun is out. I guess I cannot complain when it feels like spring or summer somewhere this close.

**E**ven after this last snow and the cold weather that fol-

lowed, I still am thinking that we will have an earlier spring by about two weeks. I have



been diligently working on moving plants from germination into the greenhouse in

the hope that we can plant the first or second week of April and if the forecast is correct, the weather in May is expected to be warmer than normal which would lead to an earlier start, fingers XXX.

**W**e had our first worker day this past Saturday and had great attendance. Almost everyone is back from last year and I have filled the very few vacancies with what I believe will be a great crew this year. We were

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### Tomatoes 6 months away!

We are now at the numbers that we finished last year with in terms of membership to our 2017 season. From here to the season start our prices are as follows: 3/4 bushel - 20 weeks is \$620; 10 weeks is \$365; 1/2 bushel - 20 weeks is \$500 and for 10 weeks it will be \$250. We do have a few spots left for all our delivery locations!



### Bok (Pac) Choi putting on true leaves!



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We were able to get quite a bit done even though the temperatures hovered in the mid 20s. Debbie B, Andy and Bill all were huge troopers. I had raspberries that I had planned on cutting back and even though the weather was freezing, they got it done and they look terrific. We filled trays for seeding these next few weeks and shelled beans from last year that will go into your first boxes. They are a variety of dried beans for soup.

I have decided to go ahead and do the early date for the Spring Fling. I really think that we will see an early arrival of my asparagus and the tomatoes (lower left) germinated great and are already a week ahead of last year - They are loving the greenhouse today, it is approaching 90 degrees in there. I actually had to open doors and put up an additional fan to keep air moving! So that date will be May 12th and 13th, both Friday and Saturday. It is Mother's Day weekend so I want to make sure that anyone that may be leaving for the weekend visit to Mom has an opportunity to stop by on Friday to buy plants, pick up asparagus, etc. I will post the exact hours next month.

We do still have availability for all locations, so if you know of someone, please make sure they visit the website, call or come out to check us out. I typically sell subscriptions through the first week in June, but this year we could sell out ahead of that. Have a great St. Patrick's Day!

## This Months Photo's

