

This is Marsha's Garden

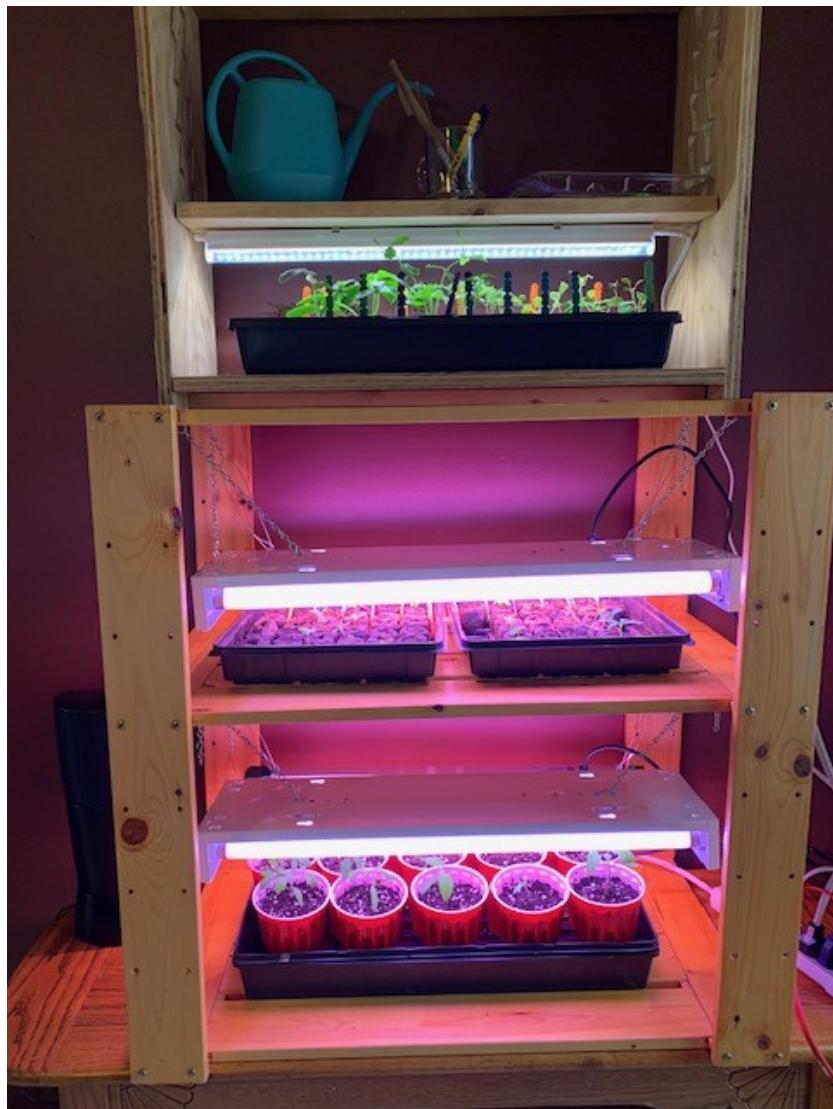


The Spring Look

Plants will be putting on a show soon!

Where it Begins!

Marsha Schneider shared her spring garden plans that is keeping her busy.



My rustic starter rack is simply wood shelving, shop lights & grow lights with full spectrum lamps. Hung by chains & cup hooks to make them adjustable. The top unit was constructed by my husband. The ends of the shelf have dowels that sit inside a Z cut slit that allows for adjustability. Plant starts include vegetables & flowers. Some plugs were re-potted into larger pots.

Seedlings are coming!

I transplanted some kale, raab & Brussel sprout plants that were starting to get leggy. Leggy may happen because of lighting.



What's going on this spring?

New cold frames are filled with garden soil, potting mix & mushroom compost.. seeds sown; Romain lettuce, French breakfast radish, calendula, kale, cilantro & Raab.



The SW garden is the first to get planted. I use hog panels, connected with zip ties to make a trellis. I've planted peas, spinach & radishes. I'll add Tithonia plants soon. The hog boiler gets planted with herbs. Presently it is planted with petunias! I couldn't help myself & bought a flat!



My garlic is coming along nicely. I planted this raised bed in October & mulched it heavily. I pulled the mulch back since temps have warmed. I may put fresh straw mulch around plants to prevent weeds.

Last fall I constructed a very simple hoop house/greenhouse and planted spinach seeds.



Check back in two months!

Marsha and her family will be feasting on fresh salad of mesclun*, romaine, spinach greens and bit of radish, garlic scapes, and peas.

Hope she shares her harvest!

* Mesclun is a mix of assorted small young salad greens that originated in Provence, France. The traditional mix includes chervil, arugula, leafy lettuces and endive, while the term mesclun may also refer to a blend that might include some or all of these four and baby spinach, collard greens, Swiss chard (silver beet), mustard greens, dandelion greens, frisée, mizuna, mâche (lamb's lettuce), radicchio, sorrel, or other fresh leaf vegetables.

