

FORREST GREEN'S TURNKEY GARDENS



BENEFITS





Seedling program takes root

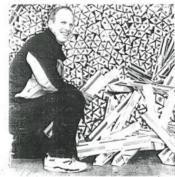


Photo by Joe Ha Cook poses with just a few of the thousands of

By Cindy Naylor

STOCKTON — It was Paul Cook's idea to give the students of Stockton School seedlings to plant. In October of 1991, he presented each student with a 10-inch, two-year-old Norway spruce of their own, to plant wherever they wanted.

Mr. Cook and his wife, Karen operate the Laurel Groop Planticap ing service based in Stockton. In his particular that the boad between people and nature and how that band can be strengthened by the act of cating for tree. Mr. Cook only wanted to pay that feeling on to his daughten Laurel's fellow students at Stockton.

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553g0. When their seedlings, Mr. Cook was surprised and thrilled when his daughter came home with a thick envelope for him. It contained thank-you cards from each child at school. What touched him most, he recalls, was the content of the notes. The sentiments

In the notes the children wrote bout how they carefully selected a pot at home to plant the tree, and sow, in the case of one child, the tree was used as a memorial marker for a selowed pet.

The children expressed their de light in the ownership of somethin as important and lasting as a tree. The notes also demonstrated that the ceology leasons received in schoowere not lost on them. Many studens specifically thanked Mr. Cook if helrien them do somethine to hel

Elated with the success of the gift

at Stockton School, Mr. Cook searched for ways to bring the pleasure of planting a tree to other students. He hit upon the idea of enlisting businesses as seedling sponsors, who would pay the cost of distributing seedlings to schoolchildren and customers in their business areas.

Mr. Cook began to round up business sponsors, and to order the seed lings from his supplier, mailing then out of the Stockton Post Office. The seedlings go out to the school along with teaching materials.

Stockton school third and fourd grade teacher Barbara Schwadron and others. The schools get the materials to teach a unit on trees, how they support the environment, and why they are important to the existence of humans. The schools get a lessor plan that helps teachers incorporate the tree theme in every segment of the curriculum.

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In language arts, students compose poems and essays on trees, in scient they discuss trees and thei byproducts, and will also learn about careers in forestry and how paper created and recycled.

To support the plan, Stockton School students have also voluntered their time to help with the program's materials. They participated in the making of a video with will be shown in the other schools, describing the tree theme.

Mr. Cook credits Stockton Schoe Administrator Mariene Leeb with helping with the project "froe ground zero." Ms. Leeb in turn ha praise for the idea of developing partnership between businesses as the schools to the mutual benefit of both.

She said, "'What's so special abouthis, is that this is a small loc business in a small community. The (the Stockton School children) know the persons involved. It wasn't jus Mr. Cook, local businessperson, i

Laurel Green Planticapes with donate I percent of the project's ground for the next two years to the Stockton School foundation. Considering this interest his program has already me with, Mr. Cook hopes that the percent may develop into a tidy sur for the small school. He has alread begun programs working with the surface of the small school. He has alread begun programs working with the small school, with the surface of the small school.

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Supporing Local Charities & Farming Communities

Sustainability Initiative

Promotes Well being and Healthy Lifestyle for Employees

Beautiful Garden for Staff Pride & Morale

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION



PLANNING / PLANTING







we collaborate with our clients to plan the best vegetable garden according to their needs for spring, summer and fall

we **install** & **plant** all necessary supplies, such as seedlings, compost and organic fertilizer

WEEKLY MAINTENANCE



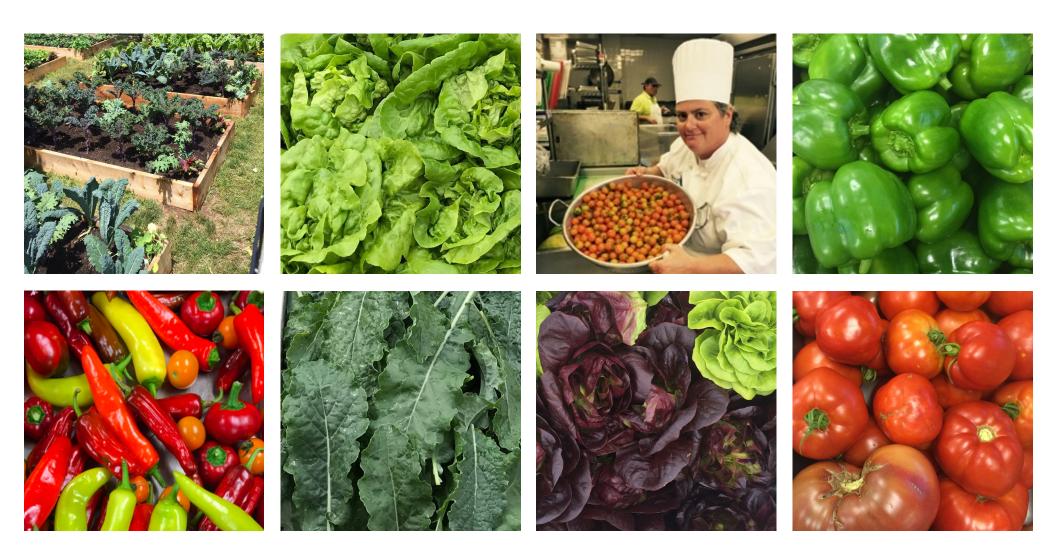
we offer weekly watering, harvesting, organic feeding and weeding maintenance average $3\,x$ / week

KITCHEN STAFF MEETINGS



we meet bi-weekly with your kitchen support staff on meal planning

FOOD FOR STAFF GUESTS & FOOD BANKS



TURNKEY PACKAGE









harvest of + 1,000 lbs of organic produce annually

spring-frost protections

organic pest control

promoting a sense of well being among your employees

SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS



We are in support of company wide "green" events

Earth Day herb giveaway for employees at a Pharmacutical company in central NJ

VALUED CLIENTS

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