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SYNOPSIS

Throughout Washington, D.C., people of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities are gardening side by side, growing vegetables, fruits and flowers in community gardens. Some are looking for basic sustenance, others for a way to remember their homelands, still others for a place to find a respite from their troubles. Through the voices of young people, senior citizens, immigrants, garden volunteers and educators, *A Community of Gardeners* explores the vital role of seven urban community gardens as sources of fresh, nutritious food, outdoor classrooms, places of healing, links to immigrants' native countries, centers of social interaction, and oases of beauty and calm in inner-city neighborhoods. The film also traces the history of community gardens in the United States, from the potato patch farms of the late 19th century, to the victory gardens of World War II, to community gardening's current renaissance.

THE GARDENS

7th Street Garden



The 7th Street Garden, renamed Common Good City Farm after moving to a new location, is a communal garden serving Washington, D.C. residents. In a unique work-exchange program, local residents volunteer in the garden in exchange for fresh fruits and vegetables.

Fort Stevens Community Garden



The Fort Stevens Community Garden is a multicultural garden with African, Latino, Caribbean and Africa American gardeners, many of whom grow fruits and vegetables that are native to their homelands.

Nature's Retreat at C. Melvin Sharpe Health School



Students facing physical and cognitive challenges work in this handicapped-accessible school garden, connect with nature, and experience the sensory aspects of the garden.

Pomegranate Alley Community Garden



The Pomegranate Alley Community Garden, a former weed- and drug-infested alley, was transformed by Capitol Hill residents into a peaceful woodland oasis with 13 garden plots.

Washington Youth Garden



At the Washington Youth Garden, parents and their children adopt a garden plot, grow vegetables, and develop healthier eating habits in the garden's "Growing Food...Growing Together" program.

Melvin Hazen Community Garden



The Melvin Hazen Community Garden, a former World War II victory garden, is now home to over 100 gardeners. The National Park Service provides the land and the water.

Marion Street Garden



The Marion Street Garden is an intergenerational garden established by the non-profit organization City Blossoms. It serves both children and adults in Washington, D.C.'s Shaw neighborhood.

History of Community Gardening



The documentary traces the history of community gardens in the U.S. and reveals the important role they have played in times of war, economic depression and recession, and during periods of heightened environmental awareness.

Producer and Director



Cintia Cabib is an independent producer, videographer, and editor. Her documentaries have aired on public television stations nationwide and have been screened at numerous venues throughout the U.S.

Cintia's films shine a light on local people places and history. Her documentaries have explored the lives and work of a Black aunt and niece who became accomplished artists in segregated Washington, D.C., the use of labyrinths as tools for meditation and stress reduction, and the historical significance of an 88-year-old carousel.

Production Credits: *A Community of Gardeners*

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