MARCH: DESIGN YOUR DREAM GARDEN

Berkeley Hort's 100th Anniversary KID'S PASSPORT activity

This activity is all about using your imagination. On a blank sheet of paper draw out the edges of your garden and start adding in all the things you'd like to have in it.

Your garden can be any shape and as large or as small as you like. It could be an actual space or an imaginary space. It could be in front or behind your house or apartment or somewhere else entirely.

Here are just a few suggestions to fire up your creative juices. Add whatever you like!

1. What theme might you choose for your garden?

- edible garden? vegetables, fruit trees, herbs etc.
- insect/butterfly garden? flowers, hiding places etc.
- bird garden? fruits, berries, places to nest, bird bath etc.
- native plant garden? drought tolerant plants etc.
- relaxation or play garden? shade trees, trees to climb etc.

2. What elements would you like to add that would fit your theme?

- · a place to sit in the sun and read? to play games?
- a place to plant vegetables, some fruit trees? what are your favorite fruits?
- · a big flower garden or some flowers here and there?
- · a stream? a pond?
- a fence or hedge around your garden? or do you want everyone to be welcome to join you?
- · a tree house? a playhouse? an outdoor kitchen?
- · a hammock, a swing, a climbing structure?
- a cat, a dog, a rabbit, a kangaroo, some fairies? is there a cozy place for them to sleep? are you growing food for them?

3. Name your garden

Think about your theme, where your garden is located, and what visitors might do while they are there. Then come up with a name that tells people what to expect when they get there.

4. Design an advertisement for your garden.

On a piece of paper draw a rectangle about 4" by 5". Use words, drawings and/or pictures to make an ad that will excite and encourage people to come and visit your dream garden.