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Zone 3 Gardens Spring 2015 Newsletter

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So far 2015 is like 2012

The first spring I owned and operated Zone 3 Gardens the snow melt pattern was similar to this year's as of yet. I skied the "Pepsi" ski race at Giant's Ridge the first Saturday in March (just as I did this year). By the time I crossed the finish line, just before 1 o'clock in the afternoon, the air temp had risen above 50F!



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Soon we had consecutive days of 70F – in Ely of all places! Most of you know what happened next... ISD 696's only snow day of the year, with over 12 inches of snow!

Now, I'm not predicting a snow storm in mid-April of this year, I'm just saying we won't be planting



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the "forced tulips" until the end of April, no matter how nice the March weather seems to be. In like a lamb, out like a lion, eh? Continuing to walk down memory lane, recall that May was Ely's great fire on Hwy 1. We were working on a client's garden on Burntside, so drove around the backside of Hwy 88, not knowing how close to town the flames actually were. I'm sure everyone remembers where they were that afternoon, especially if in or near the evacuation zone. Thank you firefighters!



Rent-an-Orb is available again this year - \$25 - please let us know by April 30th. Todd will soon be turning the glass furnace on for new creations!

Welcome Meagan

In addition to Andy, Ellen and I working hard to keep your garden(s) in tip top shape, a young woman named Meagan Jaskela will be joining our "Z3 Crew". She has resided just outside of Ely (as a Wintergreen Dogsled Guide) for the past three winters, so looks forward to finally spending a summer in Ely. She will have first dibs on our mosquito head nets! I'll try to get a summer newsletter out this year and include an updated picture of the whole crew.

Local produce news

Northern Delicious (Ellen & Van's CSA) has their first season under their belts. They are increasing the number of shares for 2015. Email Ellen today if you're interested. ellenroot@gmail.com

Did you ever buy lettuce or basil or other fresh produce from Paul Hedricks at the Ely Farmer's Market? The Z3 Crew will be helping a new company called American Pure Produce (APP) get the hydroponic operation up and running again. APP plans to have an indoor growing operation in the near future. Local is the name of the game these days – why expend resources to bring food to Ely when we can grow it here? Let us know if you'd like a few vegetables added to your garden – yum!

