Hello Community Gardeners!

On this very summer-like first day of fall we wanted to remind you of three events coming up that concern all community gardeners.

You are invited to attend the Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards (CEGA) presentation which is being held at the Chicago Cultural Center this **Sunday September 24th** from 2pm to 4pm. This event recognizes the award-winning gardens entered this summer in the inaugural CEGA competition. The citywide non-professional gardening competition was launched this year to acknowledge the many gardeners that help to make Chicago a vibrant place to live and work. See details about the event [HERE](#).
The CCGA Resources Committee is hosting our **largest plant distribution ever** on **Friday Sept. 29th** at 12 noon. Expect to haul away a carload of perennials for your gardens and all details can be found [HERE](#).

And, if you **care about community gardens** consider attending the **CCGA planning retreat** on **Saturday September 30th** at 9am. Since lunch is being provided we need a RSVP from anyone planning to attend the retreat by **Tuesday Sept. 26th**. All details about the event are [HERE](#) and the focus is how the CCGA continues to support community gardens in the future and fine-tune how we are doing that now.

Have ideas, suggestions or news you would like to share with fellow community gardeners in the next CCGA email? Please send those items to [communications@chicagocommunitygardens.org](mailto:communications@chicagocommunitygardens.org).

For questions about CCGA and how to get involved, email [membership@chicagocommunitygardens.org](mailto:membership@chicagocommunitygardens.org) or visit [chicagocommunitygardens.org/ccga-organization](http://chicagocommunitygardens.org/ccga-organization).

Need resources for your community garden? Have resources to offer? Email [resources@chicagocommunitygardens.org](mailto:resources@chicagocommunitygardens.org).

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