

Building a Friendship is like Planting a Garden

Friendship is a relationship which takes time to build. There are many steps and stages to achieving a true friendship. One can think of building a friendship like planting a garden.

Sister Conductress and Associate Conductress, please present our WGM and WGP with their pots and guide them through Melody's garden.

Go to Warder station where warder and sentinel give items:

Warder: (gloves) – You still have to shake a lot of hands and they could be pretty dirty, so here are some gloves to keep you clean.

Sentinel: (foam rubber/kneeling pad) – Up and down, up and down, your legs need to stay in shape, so hopefully this will help your knees stay that way too.

Go to Chaplain, Treasurer, Organist

Chaplain: (angel) – Of course a little praying doesn't hurt anything, so here's your own personal guardian angel.

Treasurer: (fake money) – Everyone wishes they had one of these trees, so see how ell you can grow this kind and if you succeed, we'll all be over for your secret.

Organist: (harmonica) – They say you're supposed to talk to plants, but you have a lot of that left to do, so instead play them a tune and see how they grow.

Go to Secretary's desk for Sec/Marshall presentation

Secretary: (fork) – You always have to till the soil, and plant things in defined rows, but your garden isn't that big, and your rows don't have to be that defined, so this should work just fine.

Marshall: (spoon) – Once in a while you have to dig up a bad seed, but hopefully it won't be that large so this size is better than a shovel.

Go to star points

Adah: (bottled water) – Your garden has to be taken care of and watered daily, so here's a little rain.

Ruth: (yellow smiley face) – The shoots start sprouting with the help of the friendly sun.

Esther: (white fencing) – It's frustrating to see insects and predators in your garden, so here's something for holding your plantings in and varmints out.

Martha: (food spikes) – Your garden starts wilting and you need to bring it back to life, - here's some food to revive it.

Electa: (plastic roses) – Finally the charm and beauty of your garden is enlightening. Your lovely red roses are the envy of the neighborhood.

Go to AM/AP

Associate Matron: (cow pies) – Remember the secret to maintaining a healthy garden can sometimes be smelly. So in keeping with Wisconsin tradition, here's our favorite brand just for you.

Go to WM/WP

Worthy Matron: (frogs) – And anyone can put a scarecrow in a garden, but put a frog in one and nothing will venture to come in and harm the plants. The reason – one kiss from a frog and they'll never come back.

A person who builds a friendship like planting a garden can overcome the obstacles of it very easily. The symbolism becomes clear and precise. Friendship and planting a garden can both be said as "give and take." The more effort and persistence put into them, the stronger and more everlasting happiness can be accomplished.

I hope both of you enjoy your friendship garden. We've had a lot of fun planting it with you.