

## BRRALLIANCE INC.

*Building Bridges to a Brilliant Future*

### Garden Patch

#### Introduction

Welcome to 2015 and the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Garden Patch Newsletter.

This is an invitation to all community gardeners and gardeners who live in the Black Rock, Riverside, Grant Amherst and West Hertel Neighborhoods to contribute to the Garden Patch Newsletter. Throughout the year we will be featuring a lot of information about our community gardens and highlighting some of our gardening events like the garden walk. Keep us in mind if you find any useful hints for our gardens.

This site is sponsored by the BRRAlliance Inc., a not for profit group dedicated to the betterment of our communities.

#### Events of Interest

**Garden Patch Meeting** we will be held quarterly at our new BRRAlliance offices at 1902 Niagara St. Our first meeting will be in February at stay tuned for a date and time. It will be fun to have a place for us to talk gardening and plan improvements for the neighborhood together.

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**Amaryllis a  
favorite winter  
flower**

#### Creating a Garden for Birds



**Enjoy the Tulips  
and Shamrocks  
until the our next  
issue**

**Next issue-  
Coffee grounds  
As compost and  
mulch..**

This information came from brochure sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology .

First step: does your yard provide the basics for a bird; food, water, shelter?

If there is a shortage of food you can hang up bird feeders but also consider planting some fruit-bearing trees or shrubs. Plants that hold their berries through winter form a vital winter food source.

Water-Even just a common bird bath will do. Some people hang a plastic bottle or jug with a hole of water in the bottom over the bird bath. The motion and sound of the dripping water is irresistible to birds.

Does your yard have an area of dense growth that birds can use for nesting. If not, shrubs , vine sor trees will do the trick. Try to create lush, wild growth in a few places ot simulate a natural environment. Nest boxes will also help cavity nesting birds.

For more tips visit [nestwatch.org](http://nestwatch.org).

There is nothing more fun than watching birds in your yard throughout the year.