DCNS GARDEN LOG: EARLY FALL OCTOBER 2026



VALLEY WEATHER REVIEW –
(N. California Central Valley, Zone 9b):

The Summer heat in the Northern California Valley lingered into October and we kept our flowering plants, vegetables, and herbs past their usual clearing date. The hollyhocks, sunflowers and gerbera daisies kept their color past Mid-October and the bees and insects were happy. The rain season's final rain did not arrive until about the end of October and we kept a frequent watering schedule for the remaining plants and flowers.

SEASONAL HARVEST: This year, our Mid-to-Late Summer & Early Fall Vegetable Harvests included:

Kale	Strawberries	Onions (green & white bulb)	Green beans
Red-Hot peppers	Basil	Acorn Squash	Tomatoes
Carrots	Green Bell Peppers	Dandelion Greens	Cantaloupe
Swiss Chard	Garlic (hard neck)	Corn	Celery

CLEARING, MULCHING & PLANTING: During the first and second weeks of October we began clearing the garden of all flowers except the Marigolds, Lavender and Mums, and we cleared the tomato plants, some bell peppers, corn, sunflowers and remaining squash and cantaloupe leaves. Afterwards, we mulched the garden with our compost mixture consisting of decomposed vegetable and fruit scraps mixed with dirt, eggshells, and dried leaves that we started early in the summer. We also added more topsoil and leaves on the pathways to enrich the soil and avoid compacting the muddy and wet spaces from rain and hand watering, that usually collect between the rows of plants.

PLANTING - This Fall we planted the following:

Daikon (late Sept. /seed)	White bulb Onions (Oct. /seedlings)	Radishes (Sept/Oct. seed)
Cabbage (late Sept. /seed)	Garlic (hard & soft neck) (late Oct. garlic cloves)	Green Onions (late Sept & early Oct. seeds)
Carrots (early & mid Sept./seed)	Celery (Early Oct./Propagated stalks)	*(Maybe beets)*
Swiss Chard (early Sept./seed)	Lettuce (late Sept. seed & seedlings)	*(Maybe turnips)*