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## A Vintage Tea and the FBSC in 3P...

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Jason w/his supersized fertilized squash

The Foundation for Building Sustainable Communities ([FBSC](#)) is a fast-growing group of dedicated gardeners, environmentalist and citizens-at-large who are hell bent on preserving our planet one-plant/plot-at-a-time for future generations to enjoy.

FBSC utilizes a 3P (people, purpose and partnership) strategy to develop, facilitate and implement projects to use as models for developed and developing countries alike.

I knew nothing about the FBSC until last Friday afternoon when the dynamic duo of Joan Kerr and Glenn McKnight invited me to a vintage tea to celebrate the harvest at Windfields Community Garden in north Oshawa. While Joan and Glenn manned the teapots and doled out plates brimming with tea sandwiches, cakes and squares and cookies, I had the absolute delight of touring Windfields three-acre community garden plots with volunteer, Jason Dasti who, I might add, looked fetching in his period costuming. (Note that Windfields has 10 acres up for grabs... Gardeners, at-your-ready!)

It's hard to believe Windfields Community Garden is in its infancy; May 2009 marking its first season of operation. Aside from being a teaching garden and helping to nurture along 26 established gardeners' plots, Windfields manufactures its own organic fertilizer; a coveted recipe from a "guy who lived in the Yukon," confides Jason. You just know it has to be amazing stuff if "the guy in the Yukon" could harvest a cornucopia of fruits and vegetables using it in that type of growing environment! Additionally, this fall Windfields Community Garden will collect, dry and replant the seeds from this year's crops next year.

How's that for dedication!

And did I mention that Joan was the recipient of this year's Jessica Markland Partnership Award as bestowed to her by the [Durham Environmental Advisory Committee](#) in recognition of her ability to meld local business partnerships with community events to promote environmental awareness, and educate and engage the public in the City of Oshawa? I had to tell you this because Joan is so busy doing her good works she hasn't the time to boast. Talking to Joan puts me in mind of a quote by Spaniard Antonio Porchia (Voces, 1943, translated from Spanish by W.S.Merwin

~ I am chained to the earth to pay for the freedom of my eyes ~

It certainly is amazing what people can accomplish when they come together for the greater good of the community. Everyone wins.

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