

let there be peace

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to commemorate 9/11, gardeners across America turn to the earth



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1. The Peace Garden at Watson Elementary School provides a lasting memorial and a message of hope. 2. Maggie Gray spearheaded the idea, organizing students to draw up a plan and community members to pitch in. 3. Teachers and parents helped the children implement the plan.

Incredibly, a year has passed since the tragedy of September 11, and in that time communities across the nation have banded together to help each other through this national crisis, exhibiting boundless generosity and patriotism. In the process of healing and the need to do something, many Americans have turned to the garden to seek solace and make a difference. In my own village of Rockville Centre, N.Y., Maggie Gray organized students at a local elementary school to design a garden around the flagpole and raise funds by selling personalized bricks; it will be tended for generations to come, memorializing the 36 residents lost in the World Trade Center disaster and sending a message of peace to all who pass by.

We've heard from many readers who've participated in similar projects in their own towns, whether planting memorial groves of trees, blanketing community squares with red, white, and blue flowers, or sharing seeds of favorite plants with friends to commemorate lost loved ones. We'd love to know what seeds of patriotism have been sown in your neighborhood. E-mail us at cl-gardener@hearst.com to share your story. 🌱