

The Day of the Garden was again celebrated on 10th June, 2018

You cannot find anything greener!

The reason why we celebrate the day of the garden

In Germany the towns are getting bigger and bigger. The allotment gardens are a means so that we do not need to live in deserts of concrete, but that the green areas can still increase. “The person, who wishes that our towns, with an increasing population, remain nice to live in, cannot omit allotments” explains Peter Paschke, president of the German allotment federation (BDG) the central federation of the German allotment gardeners. Allotments are still part of all our towns and communes in Germany, but this is changing in rural areas. In the larger towns, however, their development is steadily increasing. In fact they do not only save money, but they also bring people together, stimulate a healthy diet and offer recreation from the stressful daily life. They even have an additional value because they constitute compensation grounds for the urban climate, are a place to breath for the citizens, biotopes of biodiversity and a centre of knowledge for gardening aptitudes. Allotment gardeners have always spread their knowledge further than the borders of their sites – and that is a fact the day of the garden wants to make people aware of.

Many of the nearly 15,000 allotment associations, which exist throughout Germany, encourage everyone to have a look at these green oases on this day and to discover the nature in town. Nature in town? Yes, of course. Nature friendly gardening has been a priority of the allotment gardeners for a long time. Instead of trying to get the greatest possible harvest, the gardeners want to get quality: Many associations renounce on a voluntary basis to use pesticides, cultivate old species and kinds of plants and so contribute to safeguarding biodiversity. Well trained gardening advisers in the associations help the garden newcomers to learn everything that is worth to be known about a nature friendly gardening. The central federation works hard to reach that the allotment gardens, especially in towns, are considered as an essential part of the green infrastructure – and are not considered as potential building grounds. Because extending towns where nothing is allowed to grow anymore, will not for a long time remain towns that are worth to be lived in.

That’s why we always celebrate the day of the garden on the second Sunday in June. This day should make people become aware of the importance of the allotments for the well-being of people and nature in urban and in rural areas.

With the celebration of this day of the garden, the allotment gardeners want to sensitise the population for the joy of urban gardening and try to get new supporters for the allotment idea.

This year the Day of the Garden was organised on 10th June. The official opening took place in Munich. As appendix you find some pictures.

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