



Community Stories

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'Cultiver notre jardin'

I just had a little visit to your Welcome Inn page, which I absolutely adore. What a wonderful and vast and beautifully musical project you are involved in! My son is a far better musician than I will ever be, but I think we're just a little late to get into the Bernstein score at this point. He suggested I send you photos of our potato patch instead. It's not quite a community project (although we have a little community garden on our road, so that would qualify), and definitely a minor addition to a tiny back garden, but it is a result of COVID and it's also neatly linked to the Voltaire part of 'cultiver notre jardin'!!



Potatoes or not, I wish you every success and can't wait to hear the Bernstein collaboration when it emerges. Just fabulous!

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