

## Late Spring in the Urban Garden

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We've progressed into late spring. Time for the next shift of flowers, etc. after the reign of tulips, bulbs, tree blossoms, etc. The various containers are all planted now with everything from peas to strawberries and greens. We try to utilize every available square inch and make it productive. If not an edible, then an ornamental. The biggest space is the 6ft by 4ft by 10" box. This year, I've pledged to keep it for edibles.... but there are a lot of the beautiful zinnias from last year starting to pop up at one end... oh well, might have to move 'em but might not...



Marauding groundhogs (or marmots, not sure), skunks, squirrels (and their babies) had their eyes (and paws) in the square foot garden box last year. This year I acquired some green coated flexible wire fencing for the perimeter and kept the deer netting (which can be rolled back) over the top. Who would believe this is necessary in an urban area like Jersey City?? Well, we do live on the beginnings of what becomes the Palisades Cliffs.



Pictured above are the stair side garden and a clematis vine that climbs at the front of our stairs.