

Simple Gardening

Its funny.

When I first started my gardens up here in N.Y.
zone 5b, I had many insects. The first year Colorado
tater beetles took out my taters en mass. Swarms of them
descended. Now no more bad buggies.

And it was because I made the soils live again. Through
lots of tlc, and organic compost. Manures, green sand help
tremendously. I get just a few leaf bites but nothing
really damaging. Just as was foretold in the gardening classes, and books.

A healthy garden rarely needs non-organic fertilizers,
or pesticides. After being raised with "better living through
chemistry" it was a strange departure. An alternate reality.
And little by little I dumped the conventional wisdom. Which
by the way is less then 100 years old. And I went back to centuries old
practices and they work.

As an added plus I feel very connected to the earth.
It is an innate, but very intimate bound. And I don't
feel out of place or time when I play in the garden, to
me all work no matter how hard becomes play on some level when
to do with touching the earth.

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