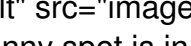
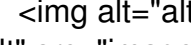
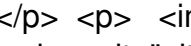

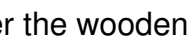


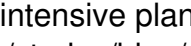
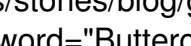
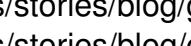
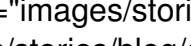

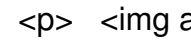




Look at how nicely the lettuce has grown since March. Now that it has reached maturity, we are ready to replace heads with other vegetable plants. As I stated in an earlier blog, I always place my onions 16 inches apart so that they can stay put when I put in our other vegetables. Between these onion sets, I plant my lettuce, so that all I have to do is pop out a lettuce head and replant with another vegetable. It makes placement so easy!


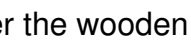


I have replaced my Buttercrunch heads with our pepper plants and eggplants. The last half of the bed was sown with a variety of beans. After the beans poke their heads out of the ground, we will sow Cosmos, Nasturtiums, and beets, all while the onions continue to grow where we placed them in March. In the bed to the right, Sonia and I planted tomatoes. Soon the boys will be constructing a fence down the center of this bed to support our intensive planting of tomatoes.

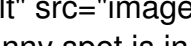
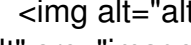
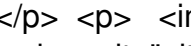
Next week, Sonia and I will replace more heads of lettuce with beds of okra and a bed of pole beans. When the broccoli matures, we will probably replace it with more varieties of beans.



Our other vegetables are in beds behind our house and at my parent's home, but because these particular beds run alongside the front of our house, we lay mulch around them instead of straw. To eliminate weeds from growing between the beds, Jedidiah puts down layers of newspaper or leaf bags and then covers them with bark mulch making everything look beautiful! Since the beds are in the front, I also soften the ends that face the street by planting Wave petunias on the edge so that they spill over to cover the wooden encasements.



The vegetable beds are also obscured by the landscaping bed I created in front of them. Soon this bed will be so full of flowers that, except for the bamboo teepees of pole beans, passerby's won't even know that they exist. And even these will be loaded with Morning Glories, which I will sow along with the pole beans.



So even if your only sunny spot is in your front yard, you can still have a vegetable garden there.