Do you know anyone who grows fruit in their yards? What do they grow and what part of the country do they live in? Vietnam in has many climatic zones, including tropical, which sustains a great variety of fruits. How many fruits can you name that can grow in Michigan?

It is not as difficult as you might think to grow fruit trees in a Michigan yard. Start by planting the trees; in your dream yard what fruits would you grow?

Do you use any of the space in your yard for growing a garden? Write 3-5 reasons why growing your own vegetables in your yard can be better than buying them from the store.

Are there any food scraps that you throw away regularly? Can you think of any ways in which you might be able to put these food scraps to some productive use?

If you have ever dug a hole you know how much work goes into it. The terraces in this photo were all sculpted using only hand tools. Can you think of any other ways that people improve the quality of soil or landscape to increase its growing capacity?

It makes sense to use the same land for multiple functions. Are there areas of your yard which have dual-use, or even multiple use? I know you probably would not eat your cat or dog, but wouldn't it be nice if they were able to give us useful products like food, fuel, or fur? They really just sponge off of us. Maybe your pets give you something I am not seeing. Tell me about why it, and name other animals that give us useful products.