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I love kitchen gardening, but there's something I love even more: encouraging other people to grow their own food. A few years back I realized that one of the best ways for me to do this is to ride on the coattails of someone whose voice is louder and more credible than my own. It was in that spirit that Eat the View - [KGI's White House garden campaign](#) [1] - first took root. Noting that campaign's success, I keep my eyes open at all times for other opportunities to encourage other public figures to shine a bit of their spotlight onto the garden cause. When I saw that Rachael Ray and her friends were running a contest called Edible Nation, I knew I had to enter it. Well, two weeks later the contest has come to a close and I'm delighted to report that thanks to KGI's large and growing online community [my entry](#) [2] has won first prize! Many, many thanks to all who voted and to the folks at [eHow](#) [3] who organized the contest. It was your support that made the difference. If you're curious, the prize is an all-expense-paid trip to New York City which I'm going to use to make other contacts with people of power and influence who could support the kitchen garden cause. I'll be reporting back a bit later in the year on my progress. Big Apple, here we come!

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