

BOTANICA

GUIDE RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND-7TH GRADE

Read this before you begin:

*What we now call New Orleans was first called **Bvlbancha** (Bul - banch - uh). In Choctaw, this name means “place of many languages.”*

Before the French settled here in the early 1700s, many native tribes used this area as an important trade route.

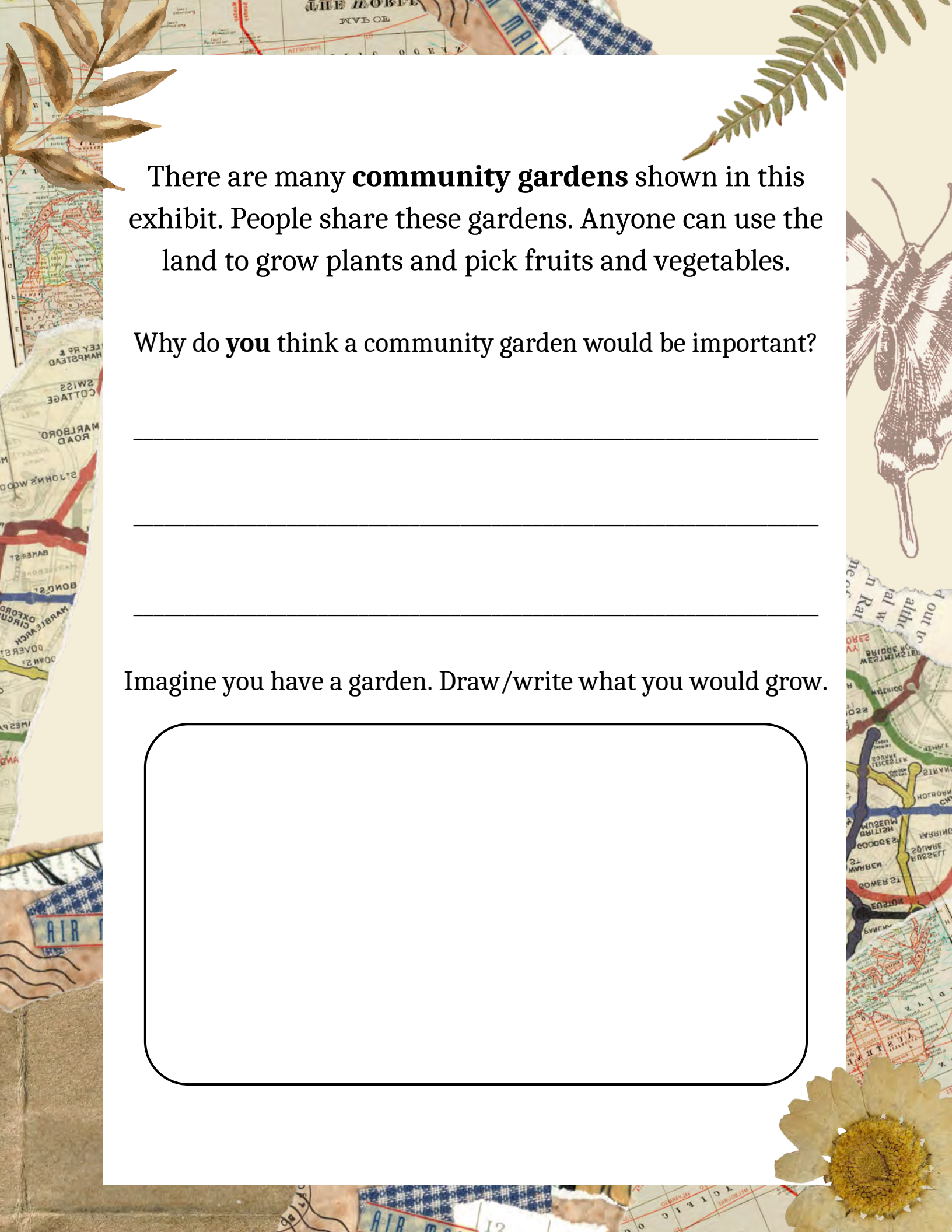
In this room, there are objects made using **only plants**.

Can you find these objects?



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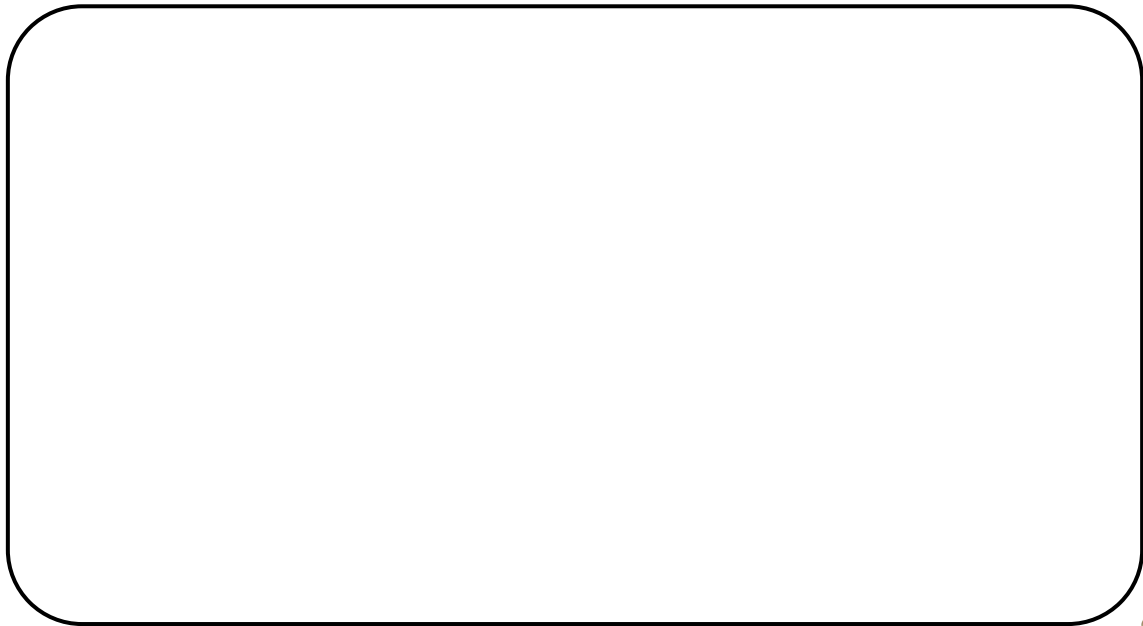
1. Cooked half-hitch palmetto turtle basket
Janie Verret Luster, ca. 1990, Palmetto
Loaned by Janie Verret Luster
2. Houma eel trap from Lafitte
Unidentified maker, ca. 1860
Honeysuckle vine, muscadine vine, twine
Gift of Gilbert Creppel to Bruce Sunpie Barnes
Loaned by Bruce Sunpie Barnes
3. Child's doll, Spanish moss



There are many **community gardens** shown in this exhibit. People share these gardens. Anyone can use the land to grow plants and pick fruits and vegetables.

Why do **you** think a community garden would be important?

Imagine you have a garden. Draw/write what you would grow.



For thousands of years, people around the world have used **plants as medicine**. Healers would study plants to help people feel better. Many people still use plants as a type of medicine.

Find **one** of these plants in the exhibit.



Mamou



Maypop



Manglier

What is one way people use that plant as medicine?

What is one way **you** use plants (other than food) in your life?
