



**Part 3 in a series**

**Al McFarlane**

Nardal Stroud, how do you come to this work? What are you doing to address the question of food justice?

**Nardal Stroud**

Food justice and knowledge of home grown foods are important to me. I've worked on a 3.5 mile stretch of Plymouth Avenue from the Mississippi River Road Parkway to the Wirth Parkway creating as many small sustainable gardens as possible. I put in over two-hundred hours a year to make sure our young people look at urban farming as a gateway for entrepreneurship.

I teach gardening, recognition of weeds, keeping living areas clean. I teach entrepreneurship, financial stability and how to become independent and create a job in their own neighborhood. I continue to do this work because I believe in our children.

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**Al McFarlane**

What's your background? Where are you from?



**Nardal Stroud**

I was born and raised in North Minneapolis. Everybody laughs at me because I was born into a very large family of thirteen. I was the youngest girl and out of all of us I'm the only one that stayed in North Minneapolis. At one time I did think I needed to get out of here, but at the same time something said this is your home. And I always wanted to be home and I always wanted to be around my home. So I stayed. I stayed and I fought and I became an entrepreneur myself. I've ran my own business for thirty-five years.

**Al McFarlane**

What was the business?

**Nardal Stroud**

I owned Scene by Scene, a dry-cleaning store. And being a single mother, it was very hard. Shortly after my mother died I had to close that store due to lack of support. But I didn't give up. I continued to work. I continued to find prosperity. I continued to believe in the children.

My mother and father were very great people. My mother was a homemaker and entrepreneur as well. My father was a truck driver. He is the son of two farmers. They came from Mississippi and moved to Kansas City, Missouri, then to Minnesota.

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