

GROW WITH US ◆◆◆◆ APRIL

WHAT'S FRESH AT KEEP GROWING DETROIT

Education Classes, Learn and Earn Workshops & Grower Gatherings

We believe that the power to transform our city is in people coming together. These events will introduce you to a network of growers in the area, help you build skills and increase access to resources for your garden or farm. Participants in the Garden Resource Program that put in some "sweat equity" by attending at least one community event or class per season are eligible for additional resources for their garden.



2nd Saturday Community Workday with Farwell Field Community Garden

Saturday April 8th, 10am-12pm, across from 20560 Fenelon in the park at E. 8 Mile Rd east of Ryan. GRP monthly workdays are a great opportunity to help fellow gardeners, meet new people and have fun! Each workday will have a different educational topic and resource for participants to take home. This month's topic: **Row cover**. Come prepared to work as we help Farwell grow!

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CROP FOCUS: Salad Greens, Lettuces, Asian Greens and More

Thursday, April 6th, 6-8PM at Plum St. Market Garden 2202 3rd St. The greens we can grow are diverse in varieties, tastes and applications. They can be used for braising, salads, and much more. Dr. John Biernbaum from MSU will share information on cultivating and caring for these crops.

YOUNG ROOTS: Strategies to Engage Young People in the Garden

Thursday, April 13th, 5:30-7PM at Plum St. Market Garden 2202 3rd St. Are you currently working with young people in your garden or organization and looking for creative ways to engage them? Jessica Patton from Neighborhood BUG will share her success in engaging young people during their summer program.

FUTURE FEAST: Garden Planning and Productivity

Tuesday, April 25th, 6-8PM at North Cass Community Garden, 4145 Cass, south of Forest west of Woodward. Any garden can grow vegetables but a well thought out garden can produce an abundance. In this class we will explore crop varieties and their individual needs, best crops for small areas, techniques for optimal harvest, planning, scheduling and planting. Bring a list of the crops you'd like to plant and the size of your garden to participate in the conversation.

Keep Growing Detroit Open Hours at the Farm

Open Hours: Tuesdays 5-7pm, Thursdays 5-7pm and Fridays 9-12pm

Come on down to the farm during Open Hours to participate in farm work, ask questions, and pick up GRP resources! During Learn and Earn workshops we have a hands-on lesson about a select GRP garden resource, contribute some sweat equity through farm work using that resource, and eligible gardens will take limited resources home. All learn and earns workshops take place during Open Hours at the Plum Street Market Garden, 2202 3rd St. just east of the MGM Grand Casino.

April Learn and Earn Workshops

Quickhoops & Row Cover

Tuesday, April 4th, 5-7pm

Help us plant early spring brassicas on the farm and learn how to use quickhoops and row cover.

Trellis Net

Thursday, April 27th, 5-7pm

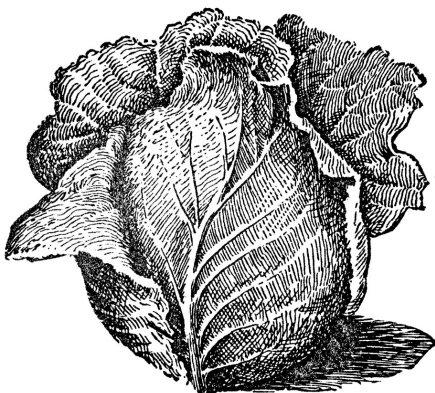
We will demonstrate different ways to use trellis in your garden and practice setting up different methods on the farm.



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May Learn and Earn Workshops at the Farm

2202 3rd Street (entrance on Plum)

RAISED BEDS

Thursday, May 11th, 5-7pm Did you know a raised bed is anything that contains soil for planting? At this class we will talk about different ways to make raised beds and practice together how to make 4X8 raised beds out of wood.

CONTAINER GARDENING WITH YOUTH

Tuesday, May 16th, 5-7pm Learn about the basics of growing in containers. Children ages 0-5 are welcome to join for age-appropriate activities that we will demonstrate using simple container plantings.

TOMATO STAKES

Tuesday May 23rd & Thursday May 25th, 5-7pm Learn several nifty ways you can use tomato stakes to grow plants. Attendees will take freshly cut tomato stakes home to use in their gardens!

Garden Resource Program Additional Resource Mixers

Join us for the annual GRP Resource Mixers! There is one mixer in each region where you can learn about local gardening resources, meet the regional hub leaders and mix with other gardeners in your area. This is also the place to sign up for additional resources from the Garden Resource Program that will be helpful for growing your garden this year.

Westside Mixer

Saturday, April 29th, 1-3pm

**Neighbors Building Brightmoor Demo Garden
15080 Grayfield**

Eastside Mixer

Saturday, May 6th, 1-3pm

**Georgia Street Community Collective
8902 Vinton**

Central Mixer

Tuesday, May 2nd, 5-7pm

**Oakland Ave Urban Farm
9354 Oakland Ave**

Southwest Mixer

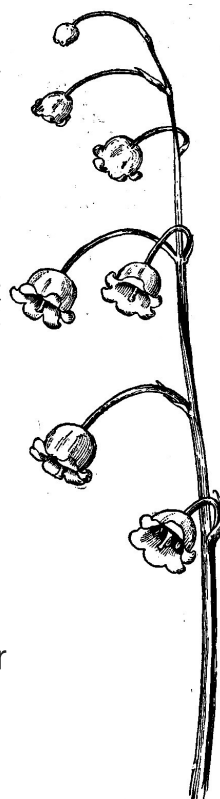
Tuesday, May 9th, 5-7pm

**Jardin de los Santos
3707 Livernois**

2nd Saturday Community Workday with Belle-Chere Gardens

Saturday, May 13th, 10am-12pm, 881 Kitchener

This month we'll break ground with this new community garden on the Eastside. This month's topic: **Container Gardening**. Containers can be a great way to get started growing even before you have your garden set up.



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WORMS EAT MY GARBAGE: Worm Composting

Monday, May 22nd, 6-8PM at the Urban Country Tea and Coffee House 14944

Bramell south of Fenkell west of Outer Drive. Worms (red wigglers) have a fantastic ability to transform kitchen scraps and other plant material into high quality compost. A worms compost bin is easy to maintain and (under the right care) is odorless. Join us for a class on how to set-up, maintain and gather finished compost from a worm bin.

GET READY TO GARDEN: Basic Gardening

Tuesday, May 30th, 6-8PM at Hope Church Community Garden, 828 Marlborough south of Jefferson east of Conner. For the beginner, starting a garden can be a challenge, but with some basic skills a productive and viable garden is no sweat. In this class you will learn how to select a site and prepare for your garden, when to plant seeds and transplants, and much more!



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