

GROW WITH US

WHAT'S FRESH AT KEEP GROWING DETROIT

Education Classes, Learn and Earn Workshops & Grower Gatherings



AUGUST ◆◆◆ SEPTEMBER

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.

Free Film: TOMORROW

Monday, September 25, 6:30-7:30PM at the MSU Detroit Center, 3408 Woodward. Free film, hosted by KGD in partnership with Great Lakes Bioneers. Join us for this exciting film with highlights from local Detroiters. "TODAY, we sometimes feel powerless in front of the crises of our times. We need a new direction... a new dream! The documentary Tomorrow sets out to showcase alternative and creative ways of viewing agriculture, economics, energy and education. It offers constructive solutions to act locally to make a difference on a global level. So far, no other documentary has gone down such an optimistic road".



Keep Growing Detroit Open Hours at the Farm

**Open Hours: Tuesdays 5-7PM, Thursdays 5-7PM & Fridays 9-12PM
Plum Street Market Garden at 2202 3rd St. east of the MGM Grand**

Let's get together! Gather with fellow gardeners weekly during Open Hours at the farm to lend a hand, swap stories, ask questions, and pick up GRP resources.

Fun Fridays at the Farm. Learn harvesting techniques during Friday Open Hours on Fridays from 9AM-12PM. This is a great way to practice skills if you plan to grow and sell at market.

Learn and Earn Workshops at the Farm. Come out for Learn and Earn workshops to participate in hands-on lessons about select GRP resources and contribute some sweat equity through farm work using those resources. Eligible gardens will take limited resources home. All Learn and Earns workshops take place during Open Hours at Plum Street.

Cover Crops
August 29, 5-7PM

Seed Saving
September 26, 5-7PM

2nd Saturday Community Workdays

Southwest Grows Community Garden

Saturday, August 12th, 12-2PM at Southwest Grows, 5825 Renville The gardeners of southwest Detroit have a vision for transforming their community through green space production. These neighbors are organizing their block for collective change. Join us for this workday as we explore agro-ecology in neighborhoods and what it takes to build effective community networks.

Urban Country Tea House Community Garden

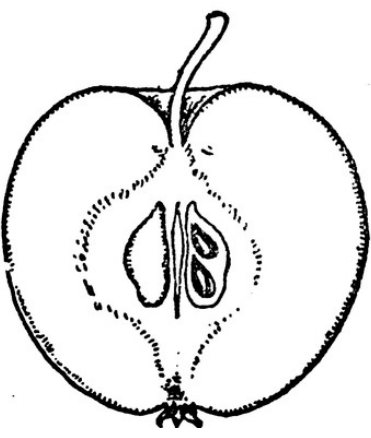
Saturday, September 9th, 10AM-12PM, 14949 Bramell. Join Keep Growing Detroit, Sierra Club, Friends of the Rouge and students in the 2017 Rain Gardens to the Rescue program for this exciting workday where we will be building a rain garden, learning all about the benefits of rain gardens and getting practical experience installing one!



Keep Growing Detroit (KGD) coordinates these events as a part of the Garden Resource Program (GRP). To learn more about the GRP visit keepgrowingdetroit.org. Contact us at 313-757-2635 or info@keepgrowingdetroit.org. Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/keepgrowingdetroit.

Upcoming Urban Garden Education Series Classes

All are at welcome at education classes: \$3 GRP members, \$5 non-GRP



CITY CHICKENS: INTRO TO CHICKEN KEEPING with Mark Covington. Tuesday, August 8, 6-8PM at Georgia St Community Center 8902 Vinton at the corner of Georgia, west of Gratiot and north of I-94. Chickens not only make great company but their eggs are an excellent source of protein and provide nutrient rich manure droppings for your garden. In this class, we will cover the basics of care for our feathered friends including housing, feeding, and general flock maintenance. Come in fair or 'fowl' weather!

RSVP only! BEAUTIFUL BLUES BUS TOUR: Upick Blueberries. Saturday, August 19, 9AM-2PM Leaving from the Keep Growing Detroit Office, 76 E. Forest. Blueberry picking is a fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon in the company of fellow gardeners. We will pick our share of delicious berries (and eat a few too!) as we walk the rows of beautiful bushes. The tour is \$5 for GRP members and you pay for what you pick (pricing approx. \$1.95/lb, available closer to event). RSVP with Kido at 313-757-2635 or kido@keepgrowingdetroit.org.

HOOPFULL HARVEST: Fall Season Extension Crop Planning. Monday, August 21, 6-8PM at Plum St Market Garden, 2202 3rd St, east of the MGM Grand. Late summer is the time to plan and plant fall and winter season crops (both in hoop houses and outdoors). In this class we will discuss ideal crops for this time of year, the best varieties and the range of dates you could be harvesting.

ALTERNATIVE GARDEN BED SYSTEMS: Hugelkultur, Straw Bale Gardens and More! Thursday, August 24, 6-8PM at Twelfth Street Missionary Baptist Church, 1840 Midland St. west of Hamilton, South of Puritan. When growing a garden in containers or raised beds we have the freedom to explore different media (soil, compost, soil less mix) to grow in. In this class Dr. John Biernbaum of MSU will share information from the research he has been doing on growing in different compost based mediums and the potential this could yield for better crops.

EAT WHAT YOU CAN AND CAN WHAT YOU CAN'T: Hot Water Canning with Anika Grose. Monday, August 28, 6-8PM at New Prospect Baptist Church, 6330 Pembroke Ave at Livernois south of 8 Mile. When you know how to properly can your harvest, you don't have to let a single ripe fruit or veggie go to waste! You can enjoy your home-grown produce year round with this useful skill. Jam Maker Anika Grose will teach safe and easy hot water canning methods that you can use in your own home.

LATE SEASON GARDEN MAINTENANCE. Thursday, September 7, 6-8PM at Art Center Community Garden, 200 E. Palmer at John R south of I-94. In the garden, the fall season is an important time to wrap things up for winter and plan ahead for next season. A few simple activities outlined below will help you to get a jump start and have a more productive garden next season.

RSVP Only! Tour of Detroit Hoophouses. Sunday, September 10, 10AM-2PM, Leaving from the Keep Growing Detroit Office, 76 E. Forest. Growing in solar passive hoophouses is a great way to extend your season and grow more! Join us for this tour of hoophouses in the city to see what's growing under plastic this fall.

RSVP only! AMAZING APPLES BUS TOUR: Upick Apples. Saturday, September 16, 9A-2P Leaving from the Keep Growing Detroit Office, 76 E. Forest. You Pick, You Eat! Get ready to stretch your arms into the trees to pick a delicious bushel of apples this fall. This tour to a regional Michigan apple farm will be a tasty trip where you can pick to your heart's delight and enjoy a fall day in the company of fellow gardeners. The tour is \$5 for GRP members and you pay for what you pick (pricing available closer to the event). RSVP with Kido at 313-757-2635 or kido@keepgrowingdetroit.org.

YOUNG CHEFS: Youth Led Cooking Class. Thursday, September 21, 6-8PM Brightmoor Community Kitchen, 22735 Fenkell west of Lahser. This Summer Keep Growing Detroit's youth apprentices will be honing their skills on the farm and in the kitchen. At this class the youth will prepare a delicious meal featuring produce from the farm and share tips and techniques on how you can prepare these dishes at home.



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