

# Grow With Us



## WHAT'S FRESH AT KEEP GROWING DETROIT SUMMER 2018 Classes, Farm Events and Grower Gatherings

At KGD we believe that the power to transform our city is in people coming together. The gatherings described below 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 who put in some "sweat equity" by attending at least one community event or class per season are eligible for additional resources like a soil test or compost for their garden.

### SummerFest 2018!

**Tuesday, June 26th, 5:30- 8pm, Clark Park, 1401 Scotten, near tennis courts.** Join fellow gardeners in a celebration of the gardening season! Summerfest is one of the largest pot-luck gatherings of growers and food lovers in the city. You've been working hard all spring now come relax with us with music, games and good food. Family Friendly! Bring a dish to share or toppings to go on the Giant GRP Salad Bar if your able and lets have some fun!

### Second Saturday Community Workday: Building Compost Systems

**Saturday, June 9th, 10am- 12pm, CWO Farms, 2070 Virginia Park, west of the Lodge north of W. Grand Blvd.** Make your own compost! Composting is good for both the environment and for the plants growing in your garden. Come get hands on practice building an easy compost bin system and brush up on composting basics all while giving this active community garden a supporting hand.

### Open Hours at the Farm

**Mondays 5-7pm, Fridays 9am-12pm, and Saturdays 10am-12pm.** Come on down to the farm during KGD's Open Hours to participate in farm work, see what's growing, and ask questions. More details will be available in early June.

### Urban Garden Education Series Classes

**Intensive Crop Cultivation: Companion Planting, Vertical Gardening, and Nutrient Management, Saturday June 2nd, 1-3PM at Ambassador Fridge, 620 Chandler, west of Oakland north of E. Grand Blvd.** In this class John Biernbaum will discuss methods to maximize your harvest using techniques including: companion planting, vertical gardening and nutrient management.

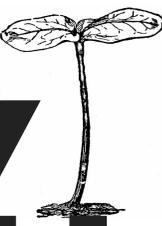
**Get Ready to Garden!: Gardening Basics, Saturday June 9th, 1-3PM at Making Shade Community Garden, 2023 Cortland, south of the Davison, east of the Lodge.** For the beginner, starting a garden can be a challenge, but with some basic skills a productive and viable garden is no sweat. In this class you will learn how to select a site and prepare for your garden, when to plant seeds and transplants, and much more!

**Black Gold: Composting for Farm and Garden with Greg Willerer, Tuesday, June 12th, 6-8PM at Brother Nature Produce, 2919 Rosa Parks at Temple, enter off of Temple.** Compost is amazing for growing vegetables. It holds water, adds nutrients to the soil and creates a favorable environment for plant root development. Farmer and compost lover Greg Willerer will discuss how not all composts are created equal and the methods to make and add compost (and manure) to your gardens.



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](http://keepgrowingdetroit.org). Contact us at 313-757-2635 or [info@keepgrowingdetroit.org](mailto:info@keepgrowingdetroit.org). Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/keepgrowingdetroit](http://www.facebook.com/keepgrowingdetroit).

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## Sweet Potato Learn and Earn

**Monday, June 4th, 6-8PM at Broadstreet Community Garden, 12065 Broadstreet east of Livernois south of Davison.** This heat loving crop is fun to grow and one plant can yield pounds of sweet potatoes. Come out for a short lesson on growing great sweet potatoes, help plant a few at the garden and walk away with some to plant in your own.



## Second Saturday Community Workday: Irrigation Station

**Saturday, July 14th, 1-3PM at Knagg's Creek Farm, 5046 Jeffries, north of Warren on the I-96 service drive.** Join us for this hands-on community workday constructing a free standing water catchment structure and working together in the garden at Knagg's Creek. As part of the workday we will review building plans and provide instructions for participants.

## Urban Garden Education Series Classes

**Propagating Perennials with Patrick Crouch, Tuesday, June 19th, 6-8PM at Earthworks Urban Farm, 1264 Meldrum, east of Mt. Elliott south of Kerchieval.** Many perennial plants can be propagated into multiple new plants using methods such as division, cuttings and layering. In this class perennial enthusiast and Earthworks Farm Manager Patrick Crouch will share methods to make your perennials multiply.

**Harvesting Safely: Vegetable Harvesting Best Practices, Thursday, July 12th, 6-8PM at Ohana Farm, 18 Church south of McNichols east of Woodward.** When do I harvest my crops? What is the best way to store my vegetables? How do I address food safety concerns? KGD Farmer Molly Hubbell will share answers to these questions and outline GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) that every grower should know. This class is highly recommended for market gardeners.

**Helpful Herbs: Foraging for Useful Plants with Lottie Spady, Tuesday, July 24th, 6-8PM at Southwest Grows Urban Farm, 5825 Renville, west of Lonyo north of McGraw.** Did you know many plants that we consider to be weeds have edible and medicinal qualities? For example plantain can be used for bee stings and lambs quarters is a highly nutritious green. Join us for this session with local herbal enthusiast Lottie Spady who will take us on a weed walk to identify these plants and discover their many uses.

**RSVP Only! Beautiful Blues: U-Pick Blueberries, Saturday, August 4th, 9AM-1PM leave from the Eastern Market District.** Blueberry picking is a super 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 on this summer afternoon. The tour is \$5 for GRP members and you pay for what you pick (pricing available closer to event). *To RSVP contact Kido at 313-757-2635 or [kido@keepgrowingdetroit.org](mailto:kido@keepgrowingdetroit.org)*



We moved! Our office is now located in the Eastern Market District at 1445 Adelaide Street, Detroit MI 48207. Drop in during business hours to say "Hello!" and see our new digs. Another great way to stay connected to KGD news and events is social media. Like us on Instagram and Facebook.