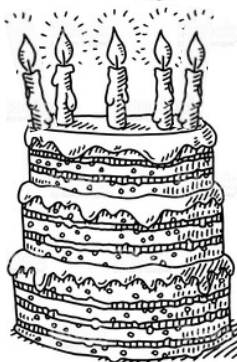


Grow With Us



WHAT'S FRESH AT
KEEP GROWING DETROIT
Winter 2018
January to Mid-March
Classes, Farm Events, and 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.



Garden Resource Program Kick-off Potluck

Tuesday, Feb 6th, 6-8pm at City Temple SDA Church, 8816 Grand River Ave.

Keep Growing Detroit turns 5 years old this year! Come celebrate with us, enjoy the company of other gardeners and kick-off the 2018 season. The evening will also introduce our 2018 annual theme "Land Security" by learning from farmers who have successfully navigated the land purchasing process. Let's kick off 2018 the right way... Together!

Seed packing Events

Each year we rely on Garden Resource Program members to help pack the seeds that we distribute to over a 1,500 gardens across the city. Join us for one of these seed packing events, get active for the season, and help out fellow gardeners. These are family friendly events.

- **NORTHWEST:** Thursday, February 1st, 6-8pm at Detroit Black Community Food Security Network, 11000 W. McNichols.
- **SOUTHWEST:** Saturday, February 10th, 10:30am-12:30pm at Clark Park Community Center, 1181 Scotten south of Vernor.
- **EAST:** Tuesday, February 13th, 6-8pm at Georgia Street Community Collective, 8902 Vinton.
- **CENTRAL:** Thursday, February 15th, 1-3pm at St Matthew's St Joseph, 8850 Woodward Ave. DAYTIME EVENT!
- **SOUTH WEST:** Wednesday, February 21st, 4-6pm at Urban Neighborhood Initiatives, 8300 Longworth.
- **LOWER EAST:** Saturday, February 24th, 10am -12pm at Hope Community Church, 14456 E Jefferson Ave.
- **CENTRAL:** Tuesday, February 27th, 6-8PM at Know Allegiance Nation (KAN) Bookstore, 9405 John R St.
- **NORTH WEST:** Saturday, March 3rd, 1-3PM at Brightmoor Artisans Community Kitchen, 22735 Fenkell Ave.



Urban Garden Education Series Classes

A TASTE OF PUERTO RICO: Cooking with Chef Luis Soto, Saturday, January 20, 1-3PM at St. Mathew and St. Joseph Church, 8850 Woodward Ave, north of E Grand Blvd. Join Chef Luis Soto for a lesson on Puerto Rican culinary traditions. Dishes will include: serenata de bacalao, guineo escabeche (pickled green bananas) and arroz con gandules. **BRING YOUR EXTRA SEEDS:** we are collecting seed packs to send to Puerto Rican farmers who were devastated by hurricane Maria in 2017.

HERBAL TONICS: Making Herbal Remedies Out of the Garden, Thursday February 1 at 6-8PM at the Oakland Ave Urban Farm, 9354 Oakland Ave. Mother nature provides us with many herbs and "weeds" that have health promoting properties. In this class herbalist Lottie Spady of Earthseed Detroit will share information on uses and benefits of these plants. Join us and find more ways to get the glory of herbs and roots in your life.

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WATER WAYS: Detroit Water Drainage Fees and Actions for Farmers, February 12, 6-8PM at Genesis Hope Church, 7200 Mack at E. Grand Blvd. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) is updating its drainage charge program to ensure that all city parcels are equitably billed for their share of drainage costs. These changes will impact many gardens, farms and community spaces. In this session learn how DWSD is estimating fees, how to verify that your property data is correct to ensure that you are getting charged correctly, and how to receive credits to reduce your bill. Also, join us to learn about research that KGD is conducting to demonstrate the positive impacts that urban gardens and farms can have on storm water management.

NATIVE PLANTS: Propagation, Sale and Uses on the Urban Farm, Saturday, February 17, 1-3PM at the Brightmoor Community Greenhouse, 15060 Grayfield, south of Fenkell west of Lahser. Native plants have thrived in our environment for thousands of years providing food and shelter to beneficial insects. They are ideal additions to gardens and farms for beauty, low maintenance needs and ability to attract many native pollinators for our food crops. These plants are also in demand and could be a great money maker for local farmers. Join local expert Suzan Campbell to get the lowdown on propagation techniques for native perennial plants.

A PLACE TO GROW: Accessing and Purchasing Land in Detroit, Thursday, February 22, 6-8PM at the Mathis Center, 19300 Greenfield north of 7 Mile. The process of purchasing land in Detroit is difficult and the rules change constantly. One important change on the horizon that growers should be aware of in 2018 is that the Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA) has stopped selling land in areas with major residential or commercial development plans in the works! Join us at this workshop to learn where these areas are and how growers might be impacted. It's not all bad news! We'll also be sharing information for growers interested in acquiring land for gardening and farming in areas without holds as well as important tips to help land owners stay on their land once they've made it through the purchase process.

SOUPER SOUPS: Vegan Soup with Real Food by Bianca, Wednesday, February 28, 6-8PM at St Peter and Paul Church, 3700 Gilbert south of Michigan and west of Livernois. Delicious, flavorful, and healthy there is nothing like soup to warm you up during the winter months. Chef Bianca Danzy will share a vegan twist on hearty and healthy soups in this class.

WINTER HARVEST: Season Extension Crop Choices and Spring Planning, Monday, March 5, 6-8PM at Drew School, 9600 Wyoming Ave. park in lot on Chicago. Get a jump on your growing season with season extension techniques. Using specific crop varieties and protection such as hoopouses or quickhoops we can get be harvesting crops before the last frost. Join us as we share methods to plan for and plant extended season crops.

FRUIT FANCY: Perennial Fruit Cultivation and Care, Saturday, March 10, 1-3:30PM at Earthworks Urban Farm, 1264 Meldrum east of Mt. Elliott. There are many perennial fruit varieties that grow well in Detroit: apples, peaches, pears, plums, raspberries and grapes to name a few. With proper fertility, watering, pruning and care they can thrive for years to come. At this class local MSU fruit extension expert Bob Tritten will share what it takes to have a fruitful garden! A portion of this class will be outdoors to practice proper pruning techniques so please dress for the weather.

SEED SAVING with Nature and Nurture Seed Company, Saturday, March 17, 1-3PM at the Georgia Street Community Collective, 8902 Vinton north of Harper east of Gratiot. Saving seed from our vegetable crops is easy, economical, and fun. Local seed company Nature and Nurture seeds will share tips and techniques to save seed from our vegetable crops as well as share information on unique heirloom varieties from Michigan.



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