

Grow With Us

WHAT'S FRESH AT KEEP GROWING DETROIT SPRING 2019



At Keep Growing Detroit, we believe that when people come together we have the power to transform our city. The following events are designed to introduce participants to Detroit's vast network of growers, build skills, and increase access to resources for the gardens and farms we serve. Garden Resource Program (GRP) members 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.

SPRING RESOURCE DAYS

Looking for additional resources for your garden? Come join us for GRP Spring Resource Days! Get to know fellow gardeners and pick up garden resources. Each event will be held at a community garden where we will get hands on practice with the days theme, see below! *****Also bring your buckets and containers! Every workday will have a pile of compost for GRP members to take home with them.** Family gardens can take a half a yard. Community, School, and Market gardens take a yard!

April 25th- Protecting Your Plants with Row Cover at Making Shade Community Garden, 2016 Richton off 14th street near Elmhurst, 5-7PM. Protect your plants from frost and pests by installing row cover over your beds. Gardeners will be able to take some home to try in their gardens.

May 1st- Planting Potatoes and Onions at Cadillac Urban Gardens, 4601 Merritt between Junction and McKinstry, 5-7PM. Get hands on helping our host site plant potatoes and onions, and take some home to plant in your garden.

May 11th- Building Raised Beds and Basic Garden Maintenance at 4 Angels Community Garden, 9745 Kensington 2 blocks of Ford Service Drive, 1-3PM. Demonstration and distribution of raised beds, trellis net and tomato stakes. Must sign up in advance if picking up beds.

June 1st- Planting Sweet Potatoes Belle Chere Community Garden, 881 Kitchener off of E. Jefferson, 1-3PM. Have you had success with sweet potatoes? There are a few tips and trick to learn. Come help plant out at our host community garden and take some sweet potato slips home to plant in your garden.

OPEN HOURS AT THE KGD FARM

Visit us during our weekly open hours to get involved with Keep Growing Detroit's new farm, located in the Eastern Market District at the corner of Orleans and Wilkins, 1850 Erskine. Come prepared to get your hands dirty, meet new people, and learn new skills!

Mondays, 5-7pm from March 11th to September 30th

Fridays, 9am-12pm from March 1st to November 15th

Saturdays, 10am-1pm from March 2nd to March 30th

2019 SPRING URBAN GARDEN EDUCATION SERIES

March 23rd - HELPING HANDS: Volunteer Management at the Mathis Center, 19300 Greenfield Rd, 2-4PM Looking to engage more volunteers at your garden site? Volunteer groups can help jump start the growing season at your community or market garden. KGD will share our best practices of how to recruit and facilitate volunteer groups.

March 25th - STARTING SEEDS INDOORS at the KGD Farm, 1850 Erskine, 5-7PM Interested in starting your own transplants. At this session learn to mix soil, when to start different types of seeds, how to prick out and more. This session is hands-on please come prepared to get your hands dirty.



Keep Growing Detroit coordinates these events as a part of the Garden Resource Program. To learn more about the GRP visit keepgrowingdetroit.org. Contact us at 313-656-4769 (GROW) or info@keepgrowingdetroit.org. Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/keepgrowingdetroit and follow us on instagram



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Classes are \$3 for GRP members and \$5 for non members. No RSVP necessary unless otherwise stated.

March 28th - ANISHNAABE EATS: Indigenous Cooking Traditions at American Indian Health and Family Services, 4880 Lawndale St., 6-8PM Anishnaabe (Indigenous to Great Lakes Area) meets Tlingit (Alaska Native) cuisine. Join Rosebud Schneider and Kirsten Kirby for a demonstration on indigenous cooking highlighting two essential ingredients in Anishnaabe and Tlingit culture, wild rice and salmon. Rosebud and Kirsten are both urban farmers and passionate about reconnecting our community with our indigenous foodways.

April 2nd - GO NUTS GROWING: Growing Nuts and Other Perennial Edibles at Spirit of Hope Church, 1519 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd 6-8PM. It's commonly known we can grow crops such as apples, peaches, pears, raspberries and grapes here in Detroit, but there are a host of lesser known crops that are delicious and a great addition to any farm. Join perennial enthusiast Patrick Crouch to explore some of the lesser known (but equally delicious) perennial nuts, berries and veggies that thrive here including hazelnuts, chestnuts, black walnuts, paw paw, hardy kiwi, josta berries and more!

April 6th - RSVP only! HARVEST SAFELY: Harvest and Farm Food Safety Intensive 3 hrs at the KGD Farm, 1850 Erskine, 1-4PM. An in depth look at the harvesting and food safety practices from field to market. Learn what is necessary to get crops to customers efficiently, safely and with the best quality possible.

2 Dates in April - GET READY TO GARDEN: Basic Gardening 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!

- **April 11th - at the Palmer Park Rec center, 19013 Woodward Ave enter off W. 7 Mile next to the 12th Precinct, 6-8PM**
- **April 28th - at Wilder Branch Library, 7140 E. 7 Mile Rd, 2-4PM**

April 22nd - Bed Preparation, Pathways and Specialty Tools at the Keep Growing Detroit Farm, 1850 Erskine, 5-7PM Discussion will include strategies for bed preparation, early-season cover-cropping of pathways and fallow fields, and a review of some specialized tools that will make spring bed prep a breeze.

April 24th - GROWING FOR MARKET: Grown in Detroit (GID) New Marketer Orientation at Eden Gardens, 14210 Strathmoor, 6-8:30PM. GID's fruit, vegetables, flowers, and herbs are grown in gardens and farms tended by GRP members across the city and sold at Detroit's Eastern Market. Growers receive 100% of the profits for the produce they sell. If you are interested in selling with GID this year, join us at the first New Marketer Orientation (NMO) of 2019 to learn safe harvest and post-harvest practices as well as GID's marketing processes and procedures. New growers must attend at least one NMO before selling with GID. To RSVP contact Imani at 313-656-4769 or imani@keepgrowingdetroit.org.

April 27th - SWEET ON DETROIT: Introduction to Beekeeping at the Georgia Street Community Collective, 8902 Vinton, 10AM-1PM. Did you know one beehive has over 60,000 bees and produces more than 100 lbs of honey in one season? Get an insiders' look at this fascinating pastime as we dive into the inner workings of a hive, how bees make honey and what it takes to get a hive started. This class is part of the Sweet on Detroit series for more info contact Kido at 313-656-4769

Ongoing this Season - Hands-on Hoophouse Builds. Hoophouses are unheated greenhouses used to extend the growing season for longer harvests and higher yields. At these hands-on builds learn about the materials needed and get practice with the steps required to build a hoophouse. Each day of building we will have an overview of steps of the process and questions and answers at 9AM and 1PM. These sessions are hands-on, please wear appropriate work clothes. Contact Kido at 313-656-4769 or kido@keepgrowingdetroit.org for more info. You can come for the whole build or just a few hours.

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