

Grow With Us

WHAT'S FRESH AT KEEP GROWING DETROIT SPRING/SUMMER 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 St 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 request raised beds in advance for pick up that day. Raised bed resources are limited community, school and market gardens.

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

2019 SPRING URBAN GARDEN EDUCATION SERIES

May 4 - WATER WISE: Water Conservation, Catchment and Irrigation Systems, Georgia Street Community Collective, 8902 Vinton 2-5PM Save money on your water bill and keep rainwater out of the city's combined sewer system! Learn how much water your garden really needs and some efficient and innovative ways to irrigate your crops.

May 20 - HIGH QUALITY HARVEST: Harvest and Storage Best Practices at KGD Farm, 1850 Erskine, 5-7PM Thinkin' about selling veggies from your garden? Great! Join KGD farmers for this hands-on workshop focused on making your salad greens greener and cauliflower... cauliflower-er! We'll be sharing our tricks for harvesting, bunching, and storing our produce so that it's simply irresistible and fetches top dollar at the market stand.



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.

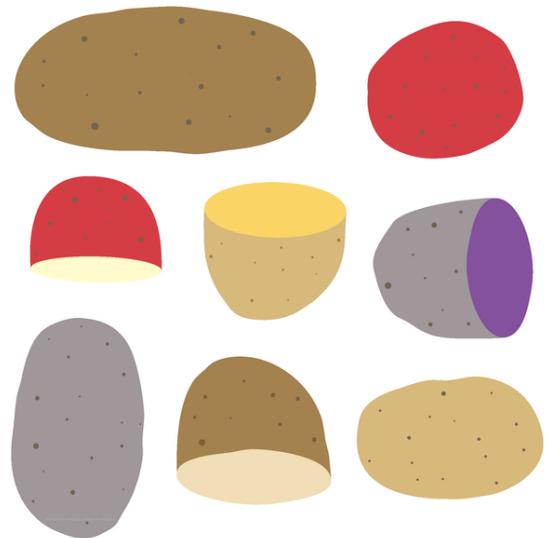
May 23 - PLANNING FOR PLENTY: Planning For Year Round Gardening at Genesis Hope, 7200 Mack Ave at Grand Blvd, 6-8PM Bringing a whole new meaning to bountiful, garden planning is a great way to ensure successful and consistent harvests throughout the season. Learn some effective garden planning strategies so that you can harvest something almost every day during the growing season.

2 Upcoming Dates - GROWING FOR MARKET: Grown in Detroit (GID) New Marketer Orientation 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.

- **May 30th at Serenity in the Garden, 18440 Wexford, near Ryan and Nevada, 6-8:30PM**
- **June 23rd at Rissman Garden and Apiary, 23361 Puritan, near Telegraph and McNichols 12-2:30PM**

June 6th - ROCKIN RICE: Growing Small Scale Grains at the KGD Farm, 1850 Erskine, 6-8PM You don't have to grow acres and acres of grains to get a decent harvest. Pounds of rice can be harvested from a single raised bed. Join grain farmer John Edgerton of Harvest of Joy Farm to get the lowdown on types of grains we can grow and strategies to get a good harvest.

June 15th - Making Quality Compost with John Biernbaum at Central Detroit Christian Farm, 632 W Philadelphia St, 1-3PM Compost is a wonderful addition to our soils. It stimulates microbial activity that benefits plants, helps hold water in the soil and provides nutrients plants need. In many cases the compost we make at home can be higher quality than the stuff we get from the garden center and composting keeps food waste out of the landfill. At this class seasoned composter John Biernbaum from MSU will share tips and techniques to make the best of your compost pile.



June 17th - FARM STYLE COOKING: Greens at the KGD Farm, 1850 Erskine, 5-7PM Come join us on the farm to harvest what's in season and get some practice transforming fresh produce into flavorful and easy to make healthy food for the whole family. Come dressed and prepared to be in the field and the kitchen!

June 20th- TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE: Useful Weed and Herb Foraging at Eliza Howell Park, 23751 Fenkell Ave. 6-8PM There are many useful plants that grow wild throughout the city. Mullein, plantain, chickweed, dandelion, nettles, clover...the list goes on. Join Lottie Spady of Earthseed Detroit for an exploration Eliza Howell Park to discover these plants and a discussion of how to use them. Particular focus will be given to plants that heal.

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 have a question and answer session 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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