



Grow With Us

WHAT'S FRESH AT KEEP GROWING DETROIT

2019 WINTER CLASSES, FARM EVENTS, AND GROWER GATHERINGS

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.

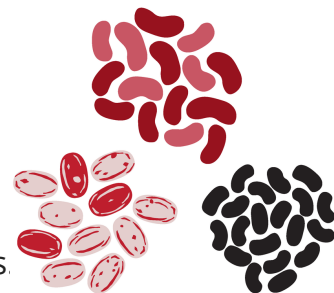
GARDEN RESOURCE PROGRAM KICK-OFF POTLUCK

It's that time of the year again, time to break bread with your GRP friends and family! Join us **January 31st from 6-8pm at Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait St, Detroit, MI 48207**. Bring your favorite dish to pass, enjoy a night out with fellow GRP members, and get caught up on the latest urban agriculture policy updates from the Detroit Office of Sustainability, Planning and Development Department, and City Planning Commission.

SEED PACKING EVENTS

Each year we rely on Garden Resource Program members to help pack the seeds that we distribute to over 1,600 gardens and farms across the city. Join us for one of these seed packing events, get active for the season, and help out fellow growers. *These are family friendly events*

- **SOUTHWEST:** Saturday, February 2nd from 10am-12pm hosted by Clark Park Recreation Center, 1181 Scotten south of Vernor. ¡Únete a nosotros!
- **NORTHWEST:** Monday, February 4th from 6-8pm hosted by Detroit Black Community Food Security Network, 11000 W. McNichols.
- **EAST:** Tuesday, February 12th from 6-8pm hosted by Georgia Street Community Collective, 8902 Vinton.
- **CENTRAL:** Thursday, February 14th from 1-3pm hosted by St Matthew's St Joseph Church, 8850 Woodward Ave.
- **NORTHWEST:** Thursday, February 21st from 6-8pm hosted by Brightmoor Artisans Community Kitchen, 22735 Fenkell Ave.
- **LOWER EAST:** Saturday, February 23rd from 10am-12pm hosted by Hope Community Church, 14456 E Jefferson Ave.
- **CENTRAL:** Tuesday, February 26th from 6-8pm hosted by Know Allegiance Nation (KAN) Bookstore, 9405 John R St.
- **SOUTHWEST:** Saturday, March 2nd from 10am-12pm hosted by Urban Neighborhood Initiatives, Palabra Di Vida Lutheran Church, 1721 Springwells. ¡Únete a nosotros!



OPEN HOURS AND WORKING LESSONS 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

Join us at the KGD Farm on **March 25th during Open Hours from 5-7pm** to learn all about **TRANSPLANT PRODUCTION** and to get some hands-on practice mixing soil, starting seeds, and pricking out/stepping up cotyledon.

MARCH 30th SAVE THE DATE FOR THE URBAN ROOTS REUNION & SUMMIT

2019 marks 15 years of the Urban Roots Community Garden Leader Training Program with over 450 graduates leading incredible gardens and farms across Detroit! Join us at the summit to learn best practices directly from graduates and to be inspired by all that they have accomplished! Details will be available by February 1st.



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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2019 WINTER URBAN GARDEN EDUCATION SERIES

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

February 11th - NOODLING AROUND: Making Pasta at St Mathew and St Joseph, 8850 Woodward Ave. from 6-8pm Homemade pasta is surprisingly easy to make and well worth the effort. If you have flour, eggs and salt in your kitchen you already have everything you need to make a fresh batch to top with your favorite veggies and sauce. Join us at this class to learn how to make melt-in-your-mouth pasta from scratch with Seth High of Detroit's own SheWolf Pastificio & Bar.

February 16th - FUNGUS AMONG US: Growing Mushrooms at Detroit Mushroom Factory, 13832 Joseph Campau from 1-3pm Mushrooms can be cultivated indoors and out and are super fun to grow. Local business Detroit Mushroom Factory will share tips on the biology of how they grow, suggestions on varieties to try, and a hands-on demonstration on how to start your own. Participants will also get a tour of the Detroit Mushroom Factory facility.

February 23rd - SWEET SAP: Community Maple Syruping in Brightmoor, meet at Brightmoor Artisans Collective, 22735 Fenkell Ave. from 1-3pm Learn how to make maple syrup in the city. For nearly a decade residents in Brightmoor have been collecting sap from maple trees in the neighborhood and boiling it down to make maple syrup. Sugarmaker Kieran Neal will share the tools and techniques to make syrup and take us on a tour through the neighborhood to collect sap.

February 28th - GROW NATIVE: Growing Native Transplants at Georgia Street Community Collective, 8902 Vinton from 6-8pm Native plants provide habitat for pollinators and beneficial insects and natural beauty for our gardens, farms, and neighborhood green spaces. Growing native plants can also be an excellent source of farm income with some varieties selling for \$60 a flat! Native plant expert Cyndi Ross will share fundamentals of establishing these plants on your site and KGD farmer Akello Karamoko will share tips to start plants from seed.

March 9th - FRUITFUL HARVEST: Perennial Fruit Cultivation and Care at Earthworks Urban Farm, 1264 Meldrum from 1-3:30pm Apples, cherries, peaches, pears, blackberries, gooseberries... there are so many varieties of fruit we can grow in Detroit. Join local fruit extension agent Bob Tritten to get the lowdown on cultivating these crops. Special focus will be given to common problems including fruit set on tree fruits and pest management strategies.

March 11th to 13th - RSVP Only! Hands-On Hoophouse Build at Oakland Ave Urban Farm from 9am-5pm Hoophouses are unheated greenhouses used to extend the growing season for longer harvests and higher yields. Learn about the materials needed and get practice with the steps required to build a hoophouse. These sessions are hands-on, please wear appropriate work clothes. RSVP with Kido at 313-656-4769 or kido@keepgrowingdetroit.org.

March 14th - BREAK DOWN ON BREAK-INS: Farm Security and Insurance at KAN Books, 9405 John R St. from 6-8pm Unfortunately a number of farms and gardens around the city have been experiencing issues with theft. This session will be a workshop and community conversation on how to secure our sites. Strategies will be shared for discouraging theft as well as options for insurance.

March 27th - GROWING FOR MARKET: Grown in Detroit (GID) New Marketer Orientation at Keep Growing Detroit Office, 1445 Adelaide St. from 12-3pm 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.

DON'T FORGET - 2019 FRUIT ORDERS ARE DUE MARCH 11th

For more information or to download an order form, visit our website at www.keepgrowingdetroit.org

