



April 18, 2009: Massachusetts Organic Gardening Workshop Day

Northeast Organic Farming Association/Massachusetts Chapter-

This Spring, just as it comes time to plant the garden, NOFA/Mass presents our second annual Statewide Spring Organic Gardening Day. On April 18, there will be organic gardening workshops in every region of the state (*See back side*). Growing our own food is an excellent way to save money, lessen our carbon footprint, improve our health, and connect with neighbors and nature. Isn't now a good time to learn skills that will help you plant a garden and make it productive throughout the year?

Topics that will be covered at these workshops:

- Starting garden beds
- Seed Starting
- Organic soil fertility
- Organic soil amendments
- Mulches and cover crops
- Weeds, disease and pests
- What to plant when
- Crop spacing
- Succession cropping

These workshops are all being led by experienced gardening educators, and they are intended to meet the tremendous resurgence of energy and action for backyard and community gardening. In addition to explaining and demonstrating some key steps that can empower you to start your own garden, these workshops provide a great opportunity for you to come forth with your questions about beginning the process of gardening. Whether you are a complete newcomer to gardening or you just feel that you could use some brushing up on growing skills and concepts, these workshops are for you.

----- Registration Form -----

- * **Register** online with a check or credit card at www.nofamass.org
- ** **Or, mail** this registration form (Please print neatly) to **Ben Grosscup, 22 High St #1, Amherst, MA 01002**
- *** **Checks payable to:** "NOFA/Mass." Full refunds for workshop registrations will be issued with at least 10 days notice.
- **** **Pre-registration** is requested, but on-site late registration is available.
- ***** **Scholarships** are available for those who need them. Reduced group rates are also available. Please ask!
- ***** **Contact:** Ben Grosscup, 413-658-5374. With email ben.grosscup@nofamass.org, put "**April 18**" in subject.

Name		Email: (Save paper by including this)	
Address		City/Town	State
Phone		How did you hear about this workshop?	
		ZIP Code	

Membership Sign-up

Check one: I am not a Member of NOFA or MOFGA. Or I am a member of the (what state?) NOFA Chapter.
 I would like to sign up for/renew my NOFA/Mass Membership, which gives me a \$3 registration discount for this event.
 Check one: Individual: \$35 Low-income: \$20 Supporting \$150*
 Family, Farm, or Organization: \$45* Business: \$75* (*Entitles members to 2 reduced rates at NOFA events.)

Registration

Enter the city or town (from back) of the workshop you're registering for.	
Registration for non-NOFA/MOFGA Members: Start \$20/person	
Registration for Members of NOFA Chapters or MOFGA: Start \$17/person	
Late fee – If you register on or after April 11, 2009: add \$5	+
NOFA/Mass Membership Payment	+
Donation for Farming Education Fund	+
TOTAL AMOUNT OF ENCLOSED PAYMENT	=

List of Organic Gardening Workshops on April 18, 2009

Boston/North Shore

A) City Natives, 30 Edgewater Drive, Mattapan, MA, Time: 9am-12pm

- Jean-Claude Bourrut of Serving Ourselves Farm manages a vocational organic farm program for homeless men and women.

B) Natick Community Organic Farm (NCOF), 117 Eliot Street, South Natick, MA Time: 10am-12pm

- Lynda Simkins is director and farm manager of NCOF, where she does food-based education.

C) First Parish Church of Newbury, 20 High Road, Newbury, MA, Time: 9am-12pm

- Rita Wollmering and Brooke Finn run the The HERB FARMacy in Salisbury, MA, where they grow both vegetables and herbs.

Southeast Mass.

D) Soule Homestead Education Center, 46 Soule Street, Middleboro, MA, Time: 9am-12pm

- Frank Albani manages Soule Homestead Education Center, and has been growing for market for 13 years.

E) Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA, Time: 9am-12pm

- Hannah Hobbs and Ben Wolbach are farm managers at Holly Hill Farm where they also teach agricultural education programs.

Central Mass.

F) Community Garden at the Arboretum, next to Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital, 189 May Street, Worcester, MA, Time: 9am-12pm

- Julie Rawson is co-owner of Many Hands Organic Farm, and executive director of NOFA/Mass. She specializes in soil fertility, season extension, and intensive planting systems.

G) Pausam's Garden, 152 Valley Road, Barre, MA, Time: 9am-12pm

- Santo DeMauro is a pioneering backyard gardener, planting new raised beds each year, and enhancing soil fertility, while minimizing insect and disease pressures. The workshop site is also his home.

H) Noonday Farm, 96 Windsor Road, Winchendon Springs, MA, Time: 9am-12pm

- Beth Ingham been farming organically for 18 years, using a no till raised bed garden system, and a greenhouse for multi-season growing. The workshop site is also her home.

Western Mass.

I) Mittineague Park, at the corner of Westfield Street and Fife Lane, near 100 Churchill Road, West Springfield, MA, Time: 9am-12pm.

- Kristin Brennan is an urban homesteader and coordinator of NOFA/Mass' Gardening the Community program in Springfield, MA. This event is being carried out in collaboration with the Immigrant and Refugee Agriculture Initiative of Lutheran Social Services of New England.

J) Keller Farm, 28 Cold Brook Road, Wendell, MA, Time: 1-4pm

- Nina Keller is a longtime gardener/farmer. Along with crops, she raises cows and chickens. The workshop site is also her home. (Check website or inquire to get special directions instead of getting directions by Internet search).

K) Crabapple Farm, 100 Bryant Street, Chesterfield, MA, Time: 9am-12pm

- Ed Stockman is an agro-biologist and the retired NOFA/Mass extension educator. He owns and operates Summit Farm in Plainfield, MA. Tevis Robertson-Goldberg runs Crabapple Farm, a diversified CSA.

L) Nutrition Center, 94 West Ave, Great Barrington, MA, (This is a new location) Time: 9am-12pm

- Dominic Palumbo runs Moon in The Pond Farm, and manages a diverse organic garden. He emphasizes time and energy saving tricks and tips.

M) Presentation starts at West Side Neighborhood Resource Council, 314 Columbus Avenue, Pittsfield, MA. Then moves 2.5 blocks to West Side Farm Project, at Southeast corner of Robins and Bradford, across from 265 Bradford St, Time: 9am-12pm

- Ruth Green owns Green Arts Garden Design and is a Certified Horticulturalist and Accredited Organic Land Care Professional in Monterey, Massachusetts.

*** If you are not able to attend any of the above workshops, check www.nofamass.org, for other similar events put on by organizations NOFA/Mass collaborates with.