**URBAN AGRICULTURE WORKSHOPS 2015**

**J A N U A R Y**

**Gardening with Youth**, Saturday, January 31, 9am-noon, Educational Services Center, 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence, 44131

Our annual youth symposium, presenting concurrent workshops on how to engage youth in the garden and in topics of food and agriculture. The event is free and open to anyone interested in or currently working with youth. RSVP to Jacqueline Kowalski, 216-429-8200 x217 or kowalski.124@osu.edu

**F E B R U A R Y**

**Seed Starting**, Wednesday, February 25, 6-8pm, OSUE Extension, 5320 Stanard Ave., Cleveland 44103

Learn the basics of how, when, and why to successfully start your vegetable seeds indoors and get a jump start on the season.

**Managing Weeds in the Garden**, Thursday, February 9, 6pm, BBC Orchard, 7201 Kinsman Ave. Ste. 104, Cleveland, 44103

This is the time to prune your fruit trees. Join us at Ben Franklin Garden’s orchard. We’ll start off in the classroom with some basic pruning information and then we’ll move out to the orchard to practice. Dress for the weather!

**M A R C H**

**Pruning Fruit Trees**, Date and Time TBD (call for details), BBC Orchard, 7201 Kinsman Ave, Ste. 104, Cleveland, 44104

This is the time to prune your fruit trees. Join us at the Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. Community Orchard. We’ll start off in the classroom with some basic pruning information and then we’ll move out to the orchard to practice. Dress for the weather!

**A P R I L**

**Weighing the Harvest**, Thursday, April 9, 6-8pm, OSUE Office, 5320 Stanard Ave., Cleveland, 44103

In this workshop we will focus on keeping records of garden activity, including the harvest. We will explore types of information you can track and ways to display or communicate this for goal setting and grant writing. Learn about an online tool from a new York based group called Farming Concrete (farmingconcrete.org) to keep gardeners’ records in one place. Scales may be available to eligible participating community gardens, ask for details.

**High Tunnel Series: Drip Irrigation and Lessons Learned After One Season**, Saturday, April 18, 9am-1pm, Village Family Farm and African Village Gardens, 8816 Harkness Ave., Cleveland, 44106

The first in a series of workshops for growing in a high tunnel. Learn how to set up drip irrigation, efficiently use water and time, and promote healthy plants. Hear from experienced growers about specific challenges and opportunities high tunnels provide growing vegetables and fruits in the city. Dress for the weather!

**Good Agricultural Practices (GAPS) Training** ($20 fee for this workshop), Monday, April 20, 6-8:00pm, 5320 Stanard Ave., Cleveland, 44103

Good Agricultural Practices (GAPS) and food safety are essential to successful farm operations. In this workshop we will cover soils and soil amendments, good handling practices, proper attire, how to write your farm safety plan, and more.

Registration is required for this workshop and space is limited. The fee is $20.00. Contact Jacqueline Kowalski at 216.429.6200 x 217 to register.

**Vegetable Gardening Basics**, Tuesday, April 21, 6-8pm, OSUE Extension, 5320 Stanard Ave., Cleveland, 44103

It’s Spring! We’ll break down garden duties into three parts: Planning, Planting, and Maintaining. For first time gardeners or as a refresher after a long, cold winter, leave with a month-by-month plan of major tasks in the garden and how to use your time and resources for your best season yet.

**Specialty Crops: Grapes**, Wednesday, April 22, 6-8pm, OSUE Office, 5320 Stanard Ave., Cleveland, 44103

This is the first workshop in our urban specialty crop production series. We’ll discuss grape variety selection for Ohio, fertilizing, and insect and disease management for the backyard and small plot grower.

**Specialty Crops: Brambles**, Wednesday, April 29, 6-8pm, OSUE Office, 5320 Stanard Ave., Cleveland, 44103

In our second urban specialty crop production workshop we’ll look at blackberries, raspberries, and other related fruits. We’ll discuss variety selection, fertilizing, and insect and disease management for the backyard grower.

**Learn to Compost!**, Thursday, April 30, 6-8pm, 13, Kinsman Farm, E. 82nd and Higbee, Cleveland, 44104

Learn the basics of what can be composted in a backyard or garden, how to choose the best system to fit your space and needs, and how to troubleshoot common composting problems. Dress for the weather!

**M A Y**

**Chickens**, Saturday, May 02, 10am to noon, at Cavatta’s Garden Center, 19003 Notting Rd., Cleveland, 44110

Learn the basics of keeping chickens including how to maintain a coop, chicken diet, and general care.

**Managing Weeds in the Garden**, Thursday, May 07, 6-8pm, Kinsman Farm, E. 82nd and Higbee, Cleveland, 44104

Every gardener struggles with keeping weeds maintained throughout the season. Learn different techniques, using different materials or mulches and compare methods of weed prevention and removal to help you win the battle with weeds in the garden!

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Building Raised Beds, Tuesday, May 12, 6-8pm, Kinsman Farm, E. 82nd and Higbee, Cleveland, 44104

Raised beds improve drainage, warm up faster in the spring, and provide roots with plenty of room to grow. In this hands-on workshop, we will build examples of raised beds, while learning about their benefits, types of materials to use, and what type of soil to add.

High Tunnel Series: Tomato Grafting and Management, Saturday, May 16, 10am-noon, Good Earth Garden, corner of Madison Ave. and W. 96th St., Cleveland, 44102

Grafting tomatoes is a fun and rewarding technique that helps to combine a specific tomato variety with a different rootstock for increased production and disease resistance. Learn the basics of grafting along with tomato management inside a high tunnel.

High Tunnel Series: Managing a High Tunnel in a Community Garden, Wednesday, May 20, 6-8pm, Medina Ave. Garden, 8316 Medina Ave., Cleveland, 44103

Growing successfully in a high tunnel involves learning a new set of gardening knowledge and skills. Find out what is different about growing in a high tunnel than outdoors and how to share the knowledge and responsibility with fellow community garden members.

JUNE

Compost System Makeover, Tuesday, June 09, 6-7:30pm, Quarry Park Community Garden, Quarry Park North, entrance off of S. Belvoir (garden located behind splash park), South Euclid, OH 44121

Using the experiences of Quarry Park and other community gardens in South Euclid, learn how to renovate a composting system from one that is not working to one that is! This will be a hands-on workshop helping the garden build a new composting system from the ground up.

Integrated Pest Management in Community Gardens Series, date and time TBD, 1801 Robert Lockwood Dr., Cleveland, 44113

Slugs, bugs and other fun things! Join us at our integrated pest management (IPM) in community garden series. We’ll be discussing the different approaches community gardeners can take to manage some of the insects and diseases that regularly affect our gardens. Each garden location will present different good and bad insects to identify and diseases to diagnose!

Integrated Pest Management in Community Gardens Series, Thursday, June 25, 6pm, Ben Franklin Community Garden, 1905 Spring Rd., Cleveland, 44109

Slugs, bugs and other fun things! Join us at our integrated pest management (IPM) in community garden series. We’ll be discussing the different approaches community gardeners can take to manage some of the insects and diseases that regularly affect our gardens. Each garden location will present different good and bad insects to identify and diseases to diagnose!

JULY

Summer Sprout Community Gardening Program: Applications for new gardens available! Do you have or are you planning a new community garden? The Summer Sprout program supports community gardens in the City of Cleveland by providing seeds, plants, and a variety of other resources. Applications will be made available in early July. Contact Erin Richardson, Summer Sprout Program Coordinator: 216-429-8200 x226 or richardson.489@osu.edu

Integrated Pest Management in Community Gardens Series, Saturday, July 25, 10am, EC Grows Community Garden, corner of Clift and Dover Rd., East Cleveland, 44112

Slugs, bugs and other fun things! Join us at our integrated pest management (IPM) in community garden series. We’ll be discussing the different approaches community gardeners can take to manage some of the insects and diseases that regularly affect our gardens. Each garden location will present different good and bad insects to identify and diseases to diagnose!

AUGUST

Integrated Pest Management in Community Gardens Series, Monday, August 03, 6pm, Colfax Garden, 7219 Colfax Rd., Cleveland, 44104

Slugs, bugs and other fun things! Join us at our integrated pest management (IPM) in community garden series. We’ll be discussing the different approaches community gardeners can take to manage some of the insects and diseases that regularly affect our gardens. Each garden location will present different good and bad insects to identify and diseases to diagnose!

Integrated Pest Management in Community Gardens Series, Saturday, August 8, 10am, Rocketeller Garden (on the grounds of the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse), 760 E. 88th St., Cleveland, 44106

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Compost Systems that Work, Tuesday, August 11, 6-7:30pm, Memorial Park Community Garden, 22540 Milton Dr., Euclid, 44123

Learn how a community garden has established an effective composting program that you can replicate, step by step.

Fall Gardening and Putting the Garden to Bed, Wednesday, August 19, 6-8pm, Location TBD (call for details) Now is the time to decide how to prepare your garden for the coming fall and winter. Whether you plan to grow and harvest past the frost or want to put the garden to bed, learn techniques to extend your season, clean up the garden, and build healthy soil for next growing season.

High Tunnel Series: Getting Ready for Fall, Thursday, August 20, 6-8pm, Kinsman Farm, E. 82nd and Higbee, Cleveland, 44104

A well prepared high tunnel can grow vegetables for harvest until next spring and prepare next spring’s first crops. Now is the time to plan and plant for the fall and following spring! Learn how to best use your high tunnel for winter production.

SEPTEMBER

High Tunnel Series: High Tunnel Maintenance throughout the Winter, date and time TBD, Stanard Farm, 5320 Stanard Ave. Cleveland, 44013

Learn how to take care of your high tunnel crop in winter while making other repairs and preparations for next growing season.

Specialty Crops: Cultural Specialties and Unusual Crops, Wednesday Sept. 16, 6-8pm, Ohio City Farm, W. 24th Pl. and Bridge Ave., Cleveland, 44113

Learn about culturally important and unusual crops you can grow in NE Ohio.

OCTOBER

Your Community Garden Organization: becoming a non-profit, Thursday, October 22, 6-8pm, Location TBD (call for details) Greene Acres Community Garden will share their experience becoming a non-profit organization and we’ll discuss other options community garden groups have, such as fiscal sponsorship by another organization.

NOVEMBER

Applications available for OSUE Training Programs in Urban Agriculture! The Dig It! Community Gardener Training Program helps community members gain the knowledge and skills necessary to plan, design, and build a thriving sustainable community garden. The Market Gardener Training Program is for new and beginning small-scale farmers interested in learning how to start an enterprise growing food for market in urban neighborhoods. Applications are due at the end of December; programs begin at the end of January 2016.

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