

Spring 2010 Organic Gardening Certificate Program Schedule

Class	Date	Time	Topic	Instructor(s)	Location	Reading/Assignment
1	4/10	9 am - noon	Course overview and introductions Food Security	All instructors	B-DCC	Antonelli, Organic Gardening. eXtension, What is Organic Farming.
		1pm - 4pm	Tool use, soil science, student introductions			B-DCC
2	4/17	9 am - noon	Healthy soil for healthy plants: soil testing, fertilizers, compost, compost tea, garden planning activity	Oregon Tilth	Luscher Farm	CASFS, Building Fertile Soil eXtension, Organic Soil Fertility CWMI, Home Compost Brochure Koenig and Johnson, Selecting and Using Organic Fertilizers
		1pm - 4pm	Practicum: cover crops, amendments,			Luscher Farm
3	4/24	9 am - noon	Bed preparation and seed starting: soil cultivation, using compost and fertilizers, indoor and outdoor seed starting	Oregon Tilth	LGL	Cornell University, Organic Weed Management Website eXtension, Organic Potting Mix Basics
		1pm - 4pm	Practicum: weeds management, mulching, garden planning activity			LGL
4	5/1	9 am - noon	Year round/intensive vegetable growing	Oregon Tilth	B-DCC	Seattle Tilth, Maritime NW Garden Guide
		1pm - 4pm	Practicum: irrigation, container and vertical gardening, harvesting, season extension			LGL
5	5/8	9 am - noon	Seed saving and perennial plant propagation	Oregon Tilth	B-DCC	U Minn, Propagation PNW Extension Publication, Propagating Herbaceous Plants From Cuttings
		1pm - 4pm	Practicum: seed saving, perennial plant propagation, garden planning activity			LGL
6	5/15	9 am - noon	Plants for ecological landscapes Permaculture	Aron	B-DCC	Zehnder, Farmscaping
		1pm - 4pm	mapping, Metro tour, zone and sector analysis, landscape irrigation, weeds,			LGL
7	5/22	9 am - noon	Home Orchards: plant selection, planting, maintenance,	Miller	B-DCC	ARN, Home Orchard
		1pm - 4pm	Fruit tree pruning			LGL

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8	6/5	9 am - noon	Small fruits	Miller	B-DCC	OSU Extension Publications (packet)
			Berry pruning, organic fertilizers, planting, Edible landscaping	Miller, Strom	LGL	
9	6/12	9 am - noon	Entomology and plant pathology	Natter	B-DCC	Barbercheck, Intro to Integrated Pest Management in Organic Systems Boudreau, Organic Farmers and the Disease Triangle
		1pm - 4pm	Plant problem diagnosis and resources	Miller	B-DCC	Barbercheck, Ecological Understanding of Insects in Organic Farming Systems Andrews and Baker, Can I Use this Input on my Organic Farm/
10	6/19	9 am - noon	Chickens and Urban Livestock	Havens	B-DCC	ATTRA- Start a Farm in the City ATTRA- Urban Poultry
		1pm - 4pm	Urban Ag	Strom	B-DCC	
11	6/26	9 am - noon	Course wrap-up	Miller Strom	B-DCC	
		Noon- 1pm	Potluck feast and celebration		B-DCC	
		1pm - 4pm	Student Presentations		B-DCC	

Training Locations

Brentwood-Darlington Community Center- 7211 SE 62nd Ave, Portland, OR 97206
 Learning Gardens Laboratory- 6801 SE 60th Ave. Portland, OR 97206
 Luscher Farm- 135 Rosemont Rd. West Linn, OR 97068 (5/17 only)

Instructional Team:

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Other Instructors: Oregon Tilth Organic Education (Kathy Dang, Oregon Tilth Kathy@tilth.org 503-779-4631, Sarah Brown Sarah info@digginrootsfarm.com, 503-659-0129 and Conner Voss, Randall Cass, Naomi Montacre), Claudia Groth, Jen Aron, Jean R. Natter, David Beller, Nick Bezzerides, Heather Havens, and more.

Course Resources:

Reading list- <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/metro/organic-content>

Other materials and social network: <http://ogcp2009.ning.com/>

Daily Schedule

Morning Session- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Lunch- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Afternoon Session- 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm