

2009 - 2010 Community Garden Development Training

Are you interested in growing your own food and would like to learn more about healthy gardening practices? Or is there a vacant lot you and your neighbors would like to transform into a productive and enlivened community garden? If so the Civic Garden Center has a series of classes that may just what you need!

Join us in November for the Community Garden Development Training (CGDT) series. The program offers a unique and successful set of tools to help neighbors of all ages come together to create community gardens. The heart of CGDT is the peer-centered curriculum that allows participants to share their talents and utilize community resources to develop and implement neighborhood gardening projects.

The CGDT certificate program is free and open to people interested in starting a community garden. However community development and site design classes are open only to individuals and groups registered in the CGDT certificate program. Certificate requirements are listed following the class schedule.

Classes on general gardening practices are open to the general public:

- Sustainable Practices for the Community Gardener
- Healthy Traditions: Perspectives on Nutrition & Food Preparation
- Basic Organic Vegetable Gardening
- Basic Botany & Seed Starting
- Construction Techniques for the Gardener
- These are free and open to public, however preregistration is required

2009-2010 Series:

1. Intro to Neighborhood Gardens - Organizing Your Garden Project

Wed., Nov 4, 6-8:30pm

Building a Strong Garden Group, Recruitment Strategies, Asset-based Community Development and the Social aspects of fund & friend raising

Instructors: Peter Huttinger, Corina Bullock & David White, CGC Volunteer

2. Civic Engagement Training

Thurs., Nov. 12, 6-8:30pm

This experiential workshop, taught by Jeffery Stec a lawyer with extensive experience in mediation, will focus on civic engagement, leadership, and effective communication skills for community garden coordinators and gardeners.

Instructor: Jeffery Stec

3. The Social Art of Community Gardening

Wed., Nov. 18, 6-8:30pm

Identifying, defining and developing your garden's mission

Peter Huttinger, Corina Bullock & Guest Community Garden Coordinator

4. Getting Started: The Community Garden Site & Administration

Wed., Jan. 13, 6-8:30pm

Part one: Review Mission Statement

Part two: Administration structures: meetings, by-laws, agreements, decision making (including consensus), lease & insurance info, and non-profit organizations.

Instructors: Peter Huttinger, Corina Bulloch & Cara Hague

5. Sustainable Practices for the Community Gardener

Wed., Jan 20, 6-8:30pm

Part one: Seasonal cycle of soil preparation – composting, cover crops & green manure

Part two: Sustainable Practices i.e. Rain water harvesting, passive solar cold frames, food bearing woody perennials and an introduction to Permaculture principles.

Instructors: Peter Huttinger, NG Coordinator, Corina Bullock, YE Coordinator & Braden Trauth, Permaculture

6. Healthy Traditions: Perspectives on Nutrition, Food Preparation & Local Food

Wed., Jan. 27, 6-8:30pm

An overview of local food issues, the healing properties of plants, alternative perspectives on meat and vegetable-based diets, and local food issues.

Instructors: Peter Huttinger, Cara Hague, Horticulturist I and guest speakers

7. Basic Organic Vegetable Gardening

Wed., Feb. 10, 6-8:30pm

Topics: Timing the vegetable garden, seasonal considerations, fall gardening, variety selection and intensive gardening techniques, succession planting, and companion planting

Instructors: Dave Koester, Campbell County Extension Agent

8. Garden Site Visits

Sat., Mar. 13, 10 – 1pm

Class will visit garden sites to be developed by CGDT participants and an established community garden

Instructor: Peter Huttinger

9. Designing Your Community Gardening Project

Wed., Mar. 24, 6-8:30pm

Hands on design session of CGDT participants sites

Instructors: Peter Huttinger & TBA

10. Basic Botany & Seed Starting

Wed., April 7, 6-8:30pm

Part one: Basic Botany

Cara Hague and/or Paul Koloszar

Part two: Seed Starting

Instructors: Peter Huttinger & Corina Bullock

11. Construction Techniques for the Gardener

Sat., Apr. 17, 10 – 1pm

Basic construction techniques and procedures for gardeners

Instructors: Peter Huttinger, Corina Bullock & Jerome Wigner

12. Garden Practicum (off site)

Sat., Apr. 24, 10 – 1pm

Hands on work session at a garden under development by a CGDT participant group

Other elective classes for a nominal fee

Instructor: Peter Huttinger

CGDT Requirements

- To receive a certificate 10 of the 12 classes must be attended, and the required volunteer hours completed. CGDT participants who have met certificate and site/program requirements are eligible to apply for financial (up to \$1,500) and technical support for their new community garden project.
- Form more information on certification contact the CGC Neighborhood Gardens Program Coordinator.

The **Community Garden Development Training** series is open to anyone interested in attending and provides an excellent opportunity to develop friendships while learning more about community gardening in Greater Cincinnati. For additional information on this CGDT Program contact Peter Huttinger, Neighborhood Gardens Coordinator, at 513-221-0981 ext.16. Or by email at: phuttinger@civicgardencenter.org
For more information on the Civic Gardens please visit us on the web: www.civicgardencenter.org