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## Get Growing! Organic Gardening Series

**Date:** April 1, 8, 15 (First 3 Tuesdays in April)

**Time:** 7-9pm

**Location:** Jubilee!, 46 Wall Street, Asheville, NC

**Cost:** \$15 per class for \$40 for the series.

An exciting three-part series  
on all aspects of Growing:  
planning, planting, production, and pests.  
Improve your established garden  
or start growing for the first time.

**Class 1:** Why grow organically; site, size, & design; soil & nutrient basics; seasons; tools, Q&A.

**Class 2:** Seeds & transplants, common problems; composting & vermicomposting; edible yard; Q&A.

**Class 3:** Mulch; water & fertility; compost tea; cover cropping & nutrients; disease & insects; Q&A.



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# Get Growing!

ORGANIC GARDENING SERIES

Meet OGS's New  
Organic Living Blogger,  
Ellen Rubenstein Chelms!

## I'm as Organic as I Can Afford to Be



There are so many reasons to grow some food, and many of them are economic.

For one thing now that we're in the mountains we live on a sloping lot and it's not so easy, in fact it can be downright dangerous, to mow the lawn. But we have one. And pay someone to mow it for us. My husband still

considers a beautiful green lawn a symbol of his success and a measure of his citizenship in its level of manicured tidiness.

Part of my agenda is to get rid of the grass, which I can't eat, and replace it with things I can. Little by little, over the last four years, I have covered patches of it with scraps of the metal roofing we installed a while back, then erected raised beds over the grass that died underneath them.



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the Annual Spring Conference

## Volunteer Blog Posts are Up!

At this year's Spring Conference, we at OGS decided to set up a handful of volunteers with pen, paper, and the directive to go home after the event and write a post on each class they attended for us to share on the OGS Blog in a series we're calling the **Conference Blog!**

In this series, we bring together the diverse perspectives of our audience and hear experiences from dozens of different voices--commercial farmers, backyard growers, conscientious consumers, and everything in between!

[Click here to see entries to our Conference Blog!](#)



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## OGS Upcoming Events

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# GMO OMG

## Film & Panel Discussion

**Date:** April 22, Earth Day

**Time:** Doors open at 6:30, Film starts at 7:15.

**Location:** Asheville Community Theatre, 35 E Walnut St, Asheville, NC 28801

**Cost:** \$11 advance purchase price. \$13 at the door.

Director and concerned father Jeremy Seifert (of Asheville) is in search of answers to complex question of 'who controls the future of food?' GMO OMG follows one family's struggle to live and eat without participating in an unhealthy, unjust, and destructive food system. Followed by Q&A with the Director and panel discussion with local organic experts.

**You can purchase tickets in the following ways:**

1. By calling Asheville Community Theatre at 828.254.1320.
2. On the Asheville Community Theatre website [Here](#).
3. On the day of the event at the Asheville Community Theatre Box Office (Ticket prices will be \$13 on the day of)

# Farm Dreams?

## Explore Your Vision

**Date:** May 17

**Time:** 10am-3:30pm

**Location:** NC Cooperative Extension Office, 94 Coxe Avenue Asheville NC 28801

**Cost:** \$55

Are you dreaming of starting your own farm? Join us to explore the practicalities of your farm dreams. We'll cover common sense, relevant information to discover if sustainable farming is the next step for you.

- Learn about sustainable farming careers in Western North Carolina.

- Discover resources, skills and farming intentions.
- Begin to develop a plan towards farming.
- Connect with regional training opportunities and support networks.

[Register here!](#)



See You in April!



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