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22nd Annual Spring Conference Complete Schedule

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For Immediate Release:

Asheville, NC. The Organic Growers School will draw over 2000 gardeners, farmers, and foodies to Asheville for a weekend of workshops scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, March 7 & 8, 2015 at the University of North Carolina-Asheville in Asheville, NC. The 22nd annual Spring Conference event features classes for beginning backyard growers to advanced commercial farmers, plus a trade show, seed exchange, silent auction, children's program, and pre-conference, on-farm events. The largest locally-run sustainability conference in the Southeast, the cost is: \$60 for Saturday, \$55 for Sunday.

The event, which is open to the public, provides practical, regionally-appropriate workshops on organic growing, permaculture, homesteading, urban farming, and rural living. This year's conference offers 70 sessions per day in themed tracks including Gardening, Soils, Livestock, Primitive Skills, Permaculture, Herbs, Alternative Energy, Sustainable Forestry, Homesteading, Cooking, Poultry, Farmers I and Farmers II. New tracks for 2015 include Mushrooms and Food Resilience. A complete list of the classes can be viewed on the website.

Details

Name: Organic Growers School Spring Conference
Date: March 7-8, 2015
Location: UNCA, Asheville, NC
Cost: \$60 for Saturday, \$55 for Sunday.
Pre-Event: Pre-conference workshops on Friday, March 6, 2015.
Register: Online [here](#).
Follow: [Facebook Event](#).
Website: [here](#).

Dr. Elaine Ingham Keynote Address

What to do About Science & Farming, with world-renowned soil biologist Dr. Elaine Ingham on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Lipinsky Auditorium, UNCA Campus, Asheville, NC.

Description: Modern science created industrial agriculture with the hope of feeding the world. Yet as we review the mounting evidence we find that this approach has had catastrophic effects. Holistic land management is proving itself as the solution to our current environmental, social, and economic crises. As land stewards, we are faced with a dilemma: How can we reconcile traditional science with alternative management? And how can we use new science to come up with restorative solutions? In this address, internationally-acclaimed soil biologist Dr. Elaine Ingham will

Class Titles by Track

TRACK A GARDENING

- 1A: Starting Your First Garden
- 2B: Creative Irrigation
- 3A: Container Gardening
- 4A: Small Scale No-Till Gardening

TRACK B MYCOLOGY

- 1A: Marvelous Mushrooms
- 2A: Medicinal Mushrooms
- 3B: Mycoforestry with Mushrooms
- 4B: Mushrooms of the Southern Appalachians

TRACK C SOILS

- 1C: Feeding the Soil Biodynamics
- 2C: Build a Compost Tea Brewer
- 3C: A Worm Composting System For Your Home
- 4C: Effective Microbes

TRACK D LIVESTOCK

- 1D: Fencing Everything with Electricity
- 2D: Incorporating Goats
- 3D: Homeopathy for the Whole Herd
- 4D: Draft Horse Teamster Roundtable

TRACK E ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

- 1E: Passive Solar Design
- 2E: Alternative Energy and You
- 3E: Build Your Own Solar Panels
- 4E: Backyard Biochar

TRACK F COMMERCIAL FARMERS I

- 1F: Penciling a Profit
- 2F: Keeper Crops
- 3F: Farming in a Changing Climate
- 4F: Lessons from The Pocket Farm

TRACK G COMMERCIAL FARMERS II

- 1G: Controlling Spotted Wing Drosophila
- 2G: Flame Weeding
- 3G: Getting More with Workers
- 4G: How to Train a Dragon Farmer

TRACK H PRIMITIVE SKILLS

- 1H: Intro to Bird Language
- 2H: The Gift of Invasive Species
- 3H: Small Animal Hunting
- 4H: TBA

TRACK I FOOD RESILIENCE

- 1I: Regional Resiliency
- 2I: Managing Rainwater as a Resource
- 3I: Co-op Businesses
- 4I: Envisioning Our Abundant Food Future

TRACK J PERMACULTURE

- 1J: Real Life Forest Gardening and Farming
- 2J: Horticultural Strategies
- 3J: Permaculture: A Toolkit
- 4J: Stored Patterns, Storied Wisdom

TRACK K HERBS

- 1K: Making Herbal Medicine
- 2K: Classical Chinese Herbal Medicine
- 3K: Outstanding Edible Wild Plants
- 4K: Gettin' Down with Appalachian Roots

TRACK L SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY

- 1L: Raising Pawpaws
- 2L: Craft: Repurposing the Woodlot
- 3L: Brewing with Non-Timber Forest Products
- 4L: Community Scale Biochar

TRACK M HOMESTEADING

- 1M: DIY Aquaponics
- 2M: The WellStocked Pantry without Canning
- 3M: Save True Seed 101
- 4M: DIY High Protein Animal Feed

TRACK N COOKING

- 1N: Pickle It! Vegetable Fermentation
- 2N: Introduction to Specialty Coffee
- 3N: Herbal Cocktails
- 4N: Creative Cooking with Mushrooms

TRACK O ALL ABOUT POULTRY

- 1O: Using Poultry to Enhance the Land
- 2O: The Art of Incubation
- 3O: The Secret to Cooking Heritage Poultry

speaking about her personal experience, her career and current research, and her outlook for the future.

Keynote Bio



Bio: Dr. Elaine Ingham is a world-renowned soil microbiologist and founder and president of Soil Foodweb, Inc., an organization that helps farmers all over the world grow more resilient crops by understanding and improving soil life. For the last 30 years Dr. Ingham has focused on the soil and its living organisms and providing sustainable solutions for maintaining soil health. She shares her knowledge in an easy to understand way and has worked with everyone from vegetable farmers, to cattle graziers, to nursery operators. Dr. Ingham earned her PhD from Colorado State University in 1981.

How to Register

Interested participants may register on-line at www.organicgrowersschool.org, or request a mailed registration form from meredith@organicgrowersschool.org or (828) 668-2127.

About Us

The Organic Growers School Spring Conference is a one-of-a-kind event that brings people of all walks of life together for a weekend of learning and networking. Since 1994, the OGS Spring Conference has been the best way to kick-off the season.

The mission of the Spring Conference is to provide down-to-earth, practical advice on growing and sustainable living, while remaining affordable and accessible to anyone wanting to participate. Click the orange buttons to your

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right to find registration, class schedule, driving directions, and more!



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