

## Harvest Conference 2017

Seven Principles of Gardening from Wendy Johnson's *Gardening at the Dragon's Gate*:

"Gardening is all about picking and choosing and following your passion."

1. Leave something Wild
2. Garden organically--stewardship
3. Know your soil--relationship and perspective
4. Feed the soil and build fertility (don't just grow crops)
5. Welcome diversity
6. Slow down "Yield to the mystery of transformation" Learn from failure
7. Be generous with your harvest

9:30	Welcome and Introductions
10:00	Tool show and tell and use
10:30	Lecture: Soil Science- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● healthy soil principles,</li><li>● Why No Till,</li><li>● plant rhizosphere</li><li>● significance of microorganisms and fungi to plant health</li><li>● of cover cropping for soil health</li></ul>
10:45	Tour of cover crops
10:55	Double digging demo
11:25	Compost demo
12:00	lunch
1:00	Hoop tunnel construction
2:00	Lecture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● What to plant and when</li><li>● Seeds or starts</li><li>● Spacing</li><li>● Widgers, seedboxes and making your own soil mix</li></ul>
2:30	Caretaking the plants and the soil in Winter vs. Summer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Watering</li><li>● Mulching</li><li>● Fertilization</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harvesting</li> <li>• Pest pressure (What pests?)</li> </ul>
3:00	Lecture: Storage Garden Planning
3:30-4:30	Questions and suggested topics

Internet

<http://www.motherofahubbard.com/10-reasons-low-tunnels-are-better-than-cold-frames/>

<https://www.rodaliesorganiclife.com/garden/cover-crop-basics>

Books:

*Teaming with Microbes: The Organic Gardener's Guide to the Soil Food Web* by Jeff Lowenfels and Wayne Lewis

*The Hidden Half of Nature: The Microbial Roots of Life and Health* by Anne Biklé and David R. Montgomery

*The Four Season Gardener* by Eliot Coleman

*How to Grow More Vegetables* by John Jeavons