Get Growing! Gardener Education

Don't miss out on the last class in our three-part class series on all aspects of organic gardening!

CLASS THREE
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014

- Using Mulch & Types of Mulch
- Water & Fertility Management
- Brewing & Using Compost Tea
- Using Cover Crops to Improve Soil & Nutrients
- Disease & Insects Management
- Question & Answer Session

Registration is still open!

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GMO OMG Film Screening & Panel Discussion

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Who controls the future of food?

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**Farm Dreams? Explore Your Vision**
May 17, 2014
Buncombe County Extension

$55

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Joel Salatin Saturday, April 12th at UNCA!
Organic Growers School is excited to be joining the team of great instructors at the Mother Earth News Fair, Saturday & Sunday, April 12 & 13th. Join us and so many others at the Western North Carolina Agricultural Center for a weekend of fun-filled, family-oriented sustainable lifestyle workshops and practical, hands-on demos on topics such as renewable energy, small-scale agriculture, gardening, green building, and more. Come see us and check out our classes:

**Tomato Grafting for Plant Vigor**  
*Tom Elmore*  
Seed catalogs are starting to offer dozens of rootstocks that impart soil disease resistance and improved plant vigor to tomato plants. This workshop will describe the surgical process for placing your favorite tomato scion on one of these emerging rootstocks, a home-scale "recovery room," as well as how to decide whether the benefits of grafting are worth the trouble. [Read more here.](#)

**Soil Blocks for Vegetable Production**  
*Tom Elmore*  
Soil blocks allow growers at any scale to produce quality transplants with minimal investment in containers. Soil block starts are easier to transplant and often produce healthier plants. This workshop describes a soil mix recipe, getting the moisture right, sowing techniques, and how to manage soil blocks for great vegetable transplants. [Read more here.](#)

**Grow Fruits and Nuts at Home**  
*Debbie Lienhart*  
Discover the basics of growing fruits and nuts in your yard, starting with identifying the best planting locations, and then planting and maintaining the plants for highest production. Learn strategies for easing fruit- and nut-bearing plants into an ornamental landscape and growing more fruit and nuts in small spaces. If you're new to growing fruits and nuts, this is the workshop for you! [Read more here.](#)
Who doesn’t love fresh berries? Berries are easy to grow in Western North Carolina, and they’re highly nutritious and delicious. There are berries for every yard—all shapes, sizes, soil types, and even in containers. Whether you’re putting in a whole berry patch, tucking a few plants into your landscape, or even a pot or hanging basket on your porch, identify the best planting locations, select the right types and varieties, and plant for a long, productive yield. Read more here

Permaculture and Human Nutrition
Chuck Marsh
As food security issues deepen, vegetables are not enough. This workshop will explore what foods we need to grow to thrive nutritionally in our local foodsheds, and how permaculturally informed food growing strategies can support the growth of a nutritionally complete local and regional food supply for our families and our communities. Read more here

The Three Legged Stool of Sustainability
Lee Walker Warren
The three-legged stool of sustainability—Social, Environmental, and Economic. Without all three, any business, any system, any community, any relationship is doomed to struggle or fail. As bright, conscious, counter-culture visionaries, we set out to build a culture righting the wrongs of our society. We seek to reduce consumption, stand for peace & justice, and work for the environment. Why do our resourceful and inspired projects seem to struggle with financial stress and sometimes fail to survive? Is passion and vision enough? We’ll look at the basics of economics, breaking large concepts such as specialization, economies of scale, and externalizing costs, down to understandable pieces. And we’ll have a deeper understanding of what we’re up against, how we can get more aware, and most importantly, how to balance our approach. Read more.

Pollinator-Friendly Gardening
Ruth Gonzalez
One out of every three bites we eat depends on pollination. Bee and butterfly populations are dwindling at an alarming rate. Learn about the challenges our pollinators are facing, easy steps you can take to be a pollinator-friendly gardener, and how to create a season-long smorgasbord of beautiful blooming plants that benefit our pollinators and bring you pleasure throughout the year. Read more here.
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