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2nd Annual Harvest Conference  
Featuring Local Wisdom

Harvest Conference Instructors  
Saturday, September 12, 2015

Fall & Winter Growing Track



Extend the Growing Season  
with Randal Pflieger

Growing Great Garlic!  
with Christopher Fielden



Year-Round Growing  
with Pat Battle



Cover Cropping  
for Home Gardens  
with Laura Lengnick



Ask Ruth -- Gardening  
Column



Dear Ruth,  
I have a large pasture that is visible to the road and have received comments about the area looking unkempt. I often leave the land 'overgrown' because it is full of milk weed and other plants that pollinators love. Can you suggest a compromise between providing habitat for pollinators and still maintaining the property?

From: Tim R., McDowell

## Fermentation & Preservation Track



**Pickle Your Harvest**  
with Janelle Lucido-Conate

**Discover Sourdough**  
with Jennifer Lapidus



**DIY Food Dehydration**  
with Doug Sharkey

**Mead Making**  
with Marissa Percoco



## Home Cooking Track



**Nourishing Bone Broth**  
with Kelli Elizabeth Kuhn

**5 Essential Staples**  
with Diana Schmitt McCall



**Make Your Own Pet Food**  
with Kristi King

**Ethical Meats**  
with Meredith Leigh



## County



Dear Tim,

That is a great question!

I have lived on streets where I prayed the neighbors would mow the grass before my relatives came to visit... and I have been the person whose yard desperately needed attention – so I can sympathize with both perspectives in your question.

Things can be more relaxed out in the country, although some of my neighbors in Madison County kept the roadsides beyond their property mowed and “well kept” and the neighborhood appreciated their contribution.

One important fact – your pasture provides an essential service to pollinators. There is no doubt that pollinators need every possible piece of available habitat and more. Pollinator habitat (and wildlife habitat in general) is shrinking and becoming fragmented for multiple reasons.

Every time a new house is built, habitat diminishes. To make ends meet, financially-stressed farmers have maximized field sizes to the very edge – which results in narrowed field borders i.e. reduced habitat. The cost of gasoline (until recently) has led to increased ethanol production which means growing more corn.

Most of the corn grown in the USA is Roundup Ready corn which is genetically engineered to withstand multiple herbicide sprays. Pollinator habitat that normally would have grown up in the crop rows or along the borders is eliminated.



## Self-Reliance Track



Root Cellars: Design,  
Construction, and Use  
with Rod Bowling

Save Your Own Seeds  
with Chris Smith



Self-  
Sufficiency?  
You Can Do It!  
with Chris Hope

Tiny Houses  
with Jeramy Stauffer & Kevin Ward

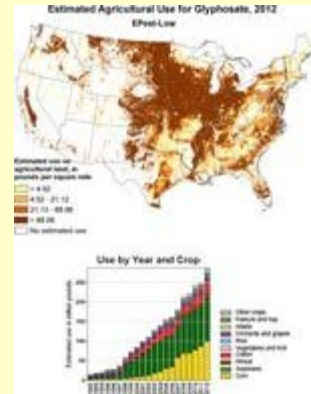


## Homestead Skills Track



Backyard Chickens  
for Eggs & Meat  
with Dianne Palmer-Quay

Small-Scale  
Forestry  
with Shawn Swartz



Click [HERE](#) to see how Roundup (glyphosate) usage has increased from 1992 through 2012. This graphic map shows a staggering increase through the years, illustrating just how much glyphosate (Roundup) is currently being applied across the center of the USA – over prime monarch migration areas and over much of the Mississippi River basin. According to a 2013 Yale Environment 360 article, “a new census taken at the monarchs’ wintering grounds found their population had declined 59 percent over the previous year and was at the lowest level ever measured.”

As you can see, the habitat you are currently providing is vital to pollinators, beneficial insects, and wildlife. However, good neighborly relations are extremely valuable for a multitude of reasons. Perhaps you can navigate a way to keep the pasture unmowed AND keep your neighbors happy.

Here are a few ideas:

Ruth's advice is continued [HERE!](#)

### Brochure in the Mail

If you are on our mailing list, look for the Harvest Conference Brochure in the mail at the end of July.

For a sneak preview, click [here](#).



Pollinator Gardens  
with Ruth Gonzalez



Residential  
Permaculture  
With Will Hooker



Herbal Medicine Track



Wild Pharmacy  
with June Ellen Bradley



Appalachian  
Folk Medicine  
with Byron Ballard



Homemade Immune Boosters  
with Melissa Fryar



Cultivating  
Wild Medicinals  
with Ryan Milt

Backyard Wonders Track

Organic Orchardling



Harvest  
Conference  
Details



Dates: September 11th & 12th, 2015  
Who: Backyard & Urban Growers, Homesteaders & Gardeners of all stripes, and those interested in self-reliance.  
Friday, September 11th: Pre Conference Workshops, both half day & whole day options. Held in VARIOUS LOCATIONS.  
Saturday, September 12th: Choose from more than 25 Workshop classes in 7 tracks, much like the Spring Conference format. Held at AB TECH MAIN CAMPUS, ASHEVILLE.

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with Andrew Goodheart Brown

### Down and Dirty Soil Building Secrets with Ea Murphy



For Pre Conference Workshop descriptions click [HERE](#).  
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### Grow Food Where People Live with Chuck Marsh

### Harvest Conference Schedule

### Grow Berries Now! with Walter Harrill



For the complete Harvest Conference Schedule, click [here](#).

Pre-Conference Workshops		Harvest Conference	
Day	Time	Topic	Instructor
Sept 11	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Soil Building Secrets	Ea Murphy
Sept 11	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Down and Dirty	Andrew Goodheart Brown
Sept 11	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Grow Food Where People Live	Chuck Marsh
Sept 11	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Grow Berries Now!	Walter Harrill
Sept 12	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Harvest Conference	Various
Sept 12	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Harvest Conference	Various

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