



3RD ANNUAL
FOOD
GARDENERS'
GATHERING

Saturday March 1, 2014

8:30 A.M TO 2:00 P.M.

SCHEDULE

Registration, Refreshments & Exhibits: 8:30 — 9:25 A.M. Atrium

Welcome & Logistics: 9:30 A.M. Conference Hall

WORKSHOPS: Session I: 9:45 — 11:00 A.M.

- A. Soil Care for the Home Gardener
- B. Raised Bed Gardening & Frame Building

Exhibits & Networking: 11:05 — 11:40 A.M.

WORKSHOPS: Session II: 11:45 A.M. — 1:00 P.M.

- A. Seed Saving
- B. Organic Pest Management

EXHIBITS

Growing Places Garden Project

The Trustees of Reservations

Seed Swap — Bring some, take some! Featuring seeds from Baker Creek, and Seed Savers Exchange!

Happy Chicken Factory — featuring the Happy Chicken Tractor portable chicken coop!

Roots Natural Foods — featuring fresh, green smoothies!

Bionutrient Food Association — garbage gardening display

AFTER EVENTS

Growing Places Mentors' Open House (Registration Required): 1:15 — 2:00 P.M.

Doyle Property Walking Tour: 1:15 — 2:00 P.M.

WORKSHOPS & PRESENTERS

Building & Maintaining Healthy Soils for the Home Gardener

Tom Akin is an Agronomist with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. He previously worked as Assistant Superintendent/Internship Coordinator at the Arnold Arboretum in Boston, and IPM Coordinator at Weston Nurseries in Hopkinton. Tom is a community gardener in Boston; he will provide information and helpful tips to all levels of home gardeners for building and maintaining nutrient rich, healthy soils using organic practices. Tom has an MS in Plant and Soil Science from UMass Amherst.

Raised Bed Gardening and Frame Building

Gregory Schmidt, Minister for the Congregational Church of Harvard and long-time volunteer at Growing Places' (GP) frame building events, will walk you through the construction of an 4' x 8' wooden raised bed garden frame. Janet O'Brien, GP Program Manager, and Beverly Christenson, a successful GP gardener, will demonstrate how to garden in a raised bed using the square foot gardening method.

Seed Saving

Enid Hart Boasberg and Kitty Smith co-coordinate the Concord Seed Lending Library, which is dedicated to providing open-pollinated vegetable and ornamental seeds, as well as education about saving seeds and organic gardening. Enid and Kitty will explain how to start saving and storing vegetable seeds from your own garden this season. They'll discuss why some seeds are easier to save than others and will highlight the best seed varieties for beginners to start collecting.

Organic Pest Management

Join Francey Slater from Mill City Grows to learn about the good, bad and ugly insects in your organic garden. We'll explore organic strategies and solutions to managing garden pests, as well as inviting beneficial insects into your garden. Francey Slater has been handpicking cucumber beetles and planting native flowers in her garden for over a decade. As the founding co-director of Mill City Grows, Francey now works with hundreds of gardeners of all ages to grow healthy organic vegetables in community gardens, school gardens, and urban farms in the post-industrial city of Lowell.

REGISTER AT: <http://bit.ly/FoodGardenersGathering>

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