

Biodynamic Gardening Series with Beth Wieting

Pre-register online for your favorite topics, or sign up for the entire series! Beth has been involved in biodynamic gardening for over 35 years, has written various articles on the subject and taught many courses in the community throughout the years.

Saturday, February 4, 11-12:30pm

Lesson 1: Intro to Biodynamic Gardening

Learn how biodynamic gardening can improve the flavor, health and sustaining quality of the food you grow! Discussion will cover the differences between biodynamic and organic gardening, the positive effects on your food and soil, how to properly prepare your soil, and much more!

Saturday, February 11, 11-12:30pm

Lesson 2: Biodynamic Composting

Learn how to build a biodynamic compost pile, the specifics of composting for various soil types and plants, and the effects of biodynamic composting on your soil and food crops.

Saturday, February 18, 11-12:30pm

Lesson 3: Biodynamic Sprays

Learn about the world of biodynamic spray preparations and their effects on plants and soil. Beth will discuss two types of spray preparations, how to use them, their effects on plant growth, and their unique benefits in our rainy climate.

Saturday, February 25, 11-12:30pm

Lesson 4: Moon Planting Calendars

Just as the moon affects the ocean tides, it also has a profound effect on plant growth! Learn how to use a Moon Planting Calendar and hear about the positive effects of the moon on seed germination, transplanting, pruning, weeding and harvesting your crops. Learn when to avoid certain gardening activities, and how to maximize health and growth.

Sunday, February 5, 1-2:30pm

Maximizing Your Veggie Garden

You don't need a huge yard to produce massive amounts of vegetables! Tim Lanfri, of Community Garden Creators, will share great space saving tips, discuss plant spacing and vertical growing methods, and illustrate how to interplant your crops to maximize harvests. He will also talk about how container gardening can improve your yields of certain crops.

Saturday, February 11, 4-5:30pm

Fruit Trees 101

Thinking of growing fruit trees on your urban lot? Learn some great tips and techniques to help you select and successfully grow fruit trees with Monica Maggio, Arboretum Manager for the Home Orchard Society. Monica will discuss site requirements & preparation, pollination needs, general maintenance requirements of different fruits, and how to select a good fruit tree!

Sunday, February 12, 11-12:30pm

Vegetable Gardening 101

If you are excited to grow your own food but have little to no experience, this is the class for you! Jen Aron, of Peaceful Gardens, will discuss the basics of soil amending, crops selection, plant spacing & timing, watering, lighting needs, and much more! With her years of experience, she will demystify growing your own food and share her tips and techniques for beginner success!

Sunday, February 12, 3-4:30pm

Fruit Tree Pruning Demo

Learn how to properly prune your fruit trees to maximize fruit production and increase overall health. Join Monica Maggio, Arboretum Manager for the Home Orchard Society, to learn about proper pruning techniques, tools and timing. She will guide you through the steps of pruning with demonstrations and visuals, and help you gain confidence in making the right cut.

Saturday, February 18, 1-2:30pm

Seed Starting: Spring & Summer Crops

Learn how to grow your own starts for spring and summer crops! Jen Aron, of Peaceful Gardens, will cover the basics of starting seeds indoors, timing your sowings, up-potting your seedlings, planting tips for cool and warm season plants, and much more.

Sunday, February, 19, 10-11:30am

Make Your Own Outdoor Bonsai

In this workshop you will create and bring home your own outdoor bonsai! Join George Bowman, Store Manager at Portland Nursery-Division, to learn the basics of growing outdoor bonsai. With over 12 years of experience, George will walk you through plant selection, repotting, trimming and training.

Cost: \$30 (all materials included). Please bring hand pruners, if you have them. Class limited to 10.

Sunday, February 19, 1:00-3:00pm

Roses: Pruning & Care

February is here and it's time to prune your roses! Come join rose expert Rich Baer, of the Portland Rose Society, to learn the basics of growing roses. He will talk about the different types of roses, pruning timing & techniques, fertilizing & watering, pest & disease control, and other helpful tips to keep your roses healthy, happy, and blooming!

Saturday, February 25, 1-2:30pm

Early Spring Vegetables: Potatoes, Garlic, Asparagus & more!

Get your vegetable garden started with early spring crops! Join Marc Boucher-Colbert, of Urban Agriculture Solutions LLC, to learn all about growing crops like potatoes, onions, garlic, asparagus, and other cool season vegetables. Marc will provide expert tips and techniques for nudging the season into early production. He will discuss how to prepare your soils for specific crops, planting tips and timing, how often/when to fertilize and water, the benefits of season extenders, and much more!

Sunday, February 26, 10-11:30am

Lesson 1: Intro to Outdoor Bonsai

If you've always been curious about growing outdoor bonsai, this is the class for you! Join George Bowman, Store Manager at Portland Nursery-Division, for the first class in the 4-part bonsai series to learn the basics of growing outdoor bonsai. George will provide a great overview of bonsai styles, tree and pot selection, planting, pruning and training. This is a great primer for the "Make Your Own Outdoor Bonsai" class, where you make and take home your own bonsai!

Sunday, February 26, 1-2:30pm

Vegetable Gardening 101

In this introductory level workshop, Tim Lanfri, of Community Garden Creators, will discuss the basics of soil amending, crops selection, plant spacing, timing you plantings, selecting the best varieties, watering, and much more! Tim will demystify growing your own food and share his tips and techniques for beginner success!