

2010 GREEN GARDEN SERIES

a series of programs focusing on environmentally sustainable gardening practices

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Did you know that on average, you can save \$6 on your grocery bill for every square foot of well-tended vegetable garden? Growing your own food is also a great way to obtain healthy, fresh produce for you and your family! Call 256-8323 to register for any of these upcoming programs. Unless otherwise noted, a \$5 per person donation is suggested (at door) for each class. All ages are welcome!

BACKYARD FOOD PRODUCTION

Starting a Home Food Garden from Scratch

6:30-8:00 PM, Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Station, 6686 S. Center Highway, Traverse City (Leelanau County)

The Village Gardener, Growing Fruits & Vegetables In Town

6:00-7:30 PM, Monday, April 26, 2010

303 Chandler St, Leland

Composting for the Home Gardener

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Growing Strawberries & Brambles

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Leelanau County Government Center (Community Room)

Chickens for the Backyard

6:00-7:30 PM, Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Station, 6686 S. Center Highway, Traverse City (Leelanau County)

Season Extension for the Backyard: Passive Solar Hoophouses

6:00-7:30 PM, Monday, May 10, 2010

Eco-Learning Center, 10277 E. Bingham Rd., Traverse City (in Leelanau County)

Growing Grapes in the Backyard

6:30-8:30 PM, Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Station, 6686 S. Center Highway, Traverse City (Leelanau County)

Container Gardening (Vegetables and Herbs)

10:30 AM-12:00 Noon, Saturday, May 15, 2010

Leelanau County Government Center (Community Room)

Putting Food By, Growing & Storing Food for Winter Use

6:00-7:30 PM, Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Eden Now Gardens, 7555 E. Alpers Rd., Lake Leelanau

Growing Together, The Family Vegetable Garden (bring the kids!)

10:30 AM-12:00 Noon, Saturday, May 29, 2010

Leelanau Community Garden, Approx 2 miles west of the village of Suttons Bay

101 Organic Pest & Weed Control for Home Gardeners

6:00-7:30 PM, Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Leelanau County Government Center (Community Room)

Starting a Home Food Garden from Scratch

6:30-8:00 PM, Wednesday, April 21, 2010 - Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Station, 6686 S. Center Highway, Traverse City (Leelanau County)

This session, intended for beginning gardeners, will cover the basics of getting a home food garden started. Bring your ideas for what you'd like to do with your space (containers, garden plot, edible landscaping, raised beds, etc), and presenters can work with you on achieving your goals. A home food garden is easier to get going than you might think...why not start now? Instructor: Mike Davis, Advanced Master Gardener Volunteer.

The Village Gardener, Growing Fruits & Vegetables in Town

6:00-7:30 PM, Monday, April 26, 2010 - 303 Chandler St, Leland

Take a tour of this unique yard planted with assorted fruit and nut tree, grapes, berries, and vegetables. Bring your questions...and be prepared to learn a few tips about pruning berries and fruit trees, converting lawn to garden space, home composting, and using mulch. Growing food in your backyard is not only rewarding, but tastes great. **Note: This session will take place in the backyard of a private residence. Be prepared to be outdoors. Instructor: Richard Allen, Eden Now Gardens.

Composting for the Home Gardener

6:30-8:00 PM, Wednesday, April 28, 2010 - Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Station, 6686 S. Center Highway, Traverse City (Leelanau County)

Healthy plants start with healthy soil. This session will provide an overview of how enrich your garden soil with compost created from waste from your kitchen and yard. Learn about different techniques for composting, what to include, and how to use it in your garden. It is easy – compost happens! Instructor: Mike Davis, Advanced Master Gardener Volunteer.

Growing Strawberries & Brambles (raspberries & blackberries)

6:30-8:30 PM, Monday, May 3, 2010 - Leelanau County Government Center (Community Room).

This session will cover the ins and outs of what you need to do to get strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries growing in a backyard setting. The session will cover variety selection; site requirements and preparation; planting and early care; renovation and pruning; and suggestions for dealing with common pest and disease issues. Instructors: Steve Bardenhagen, Bardenhagen Berries, and Pam Schmidt, MSU Extension – Leelanau County.

Chickens for the Backyard

6:00-7:30 PM, Wednesday, May 5, 2010 - Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Station, 6686 S. Center Highway, Traverse City (Leelanau County)

The workshop will cover coop design & setup, obtaining chickens, breed information, chick issues, equipment, predators & pests, winter care and more. Intended for individuals raising chickens in a backyard setting. Immediately following this session, participants are invited to visit the nearby Delight of Life Farm – for a post workshop "chicken coop open house" and question and answer session. Instructors: Chris Bardenhagen, Bardenhagen Farms and Chad Jordan, Delight of Life Farm.

Season Extension for the Backyard: Passive Solar Hoophouse

6:00-7:30 PM, Monday, May 10, 2010 - Eco-Learning Center, 10277 E. Bingham Rd., Traverse City (in Leelanau County)

Participate in a walking tour of various models of passive solar hoop houses used at the Eco-Learning Center. If you are thinking about investing your time and resources in a hoop house for use in a backyard setting, this is an opportunity to see a variety of models – ranging from larger kit-built models, to wood-framed A-frames, to locally constructed moveable hoop houses. Learn about the various pros and cons of each. Time for questions and answers provided. **Note: This session will take place outdoors. Dress accordingly. Instructor: Jayne Walker Leatherman, Eco-Learning Center.

Growing Grapes in the Backyard

6:30-8:30 PM, Wednesday, May 12, 2010 - Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Station, 6686 S. Center Highway, Traverse City (Leelanau County)

This session will provide classroom and field-based instruction on the following topics related to table and wine grapes: variety selection; site requirements and preparation; vine structure and growth; planting and early care; trellising and arbors; vine training and pruning; renovation of old vines; and pest management. Instructor: Dr. Duke Elsner, Agricultural Agent (specializing in viticulture & wine education) MSUE-Grand Traverse County.

Container Gardening (Vegetables and Herbs)

10:30 AM-12:00 Noon, Saturday, May 15, 2010 - Leelanau County Government Center (Community Room).

Containers make unique gardens for vegetables, herbs and flowers!. In this hands-on workshop, learn the simple steps for creating a container garden and discuss the particulars for various types of plantings. Optional: Bring your own 2-4 gallon container, and leave with a planted pot! Plenty of question and answer time provided. Cost: \$5 per person. Instructor: Deb Burge, Advanced Master Gardener Volunteer.

Putting Food By, Growing & Storing Food for Winter Use

6:00-7:30 PM, Tuesday, May 25, 2009 - Eden Now Gardens, 7555. E. Alpers Rd., Lake Leelanau

Emphasizing growing food your family can eat throughout the year - this session will focus on growing storage crops such as winter squash, potatoes, carrots, onions, garlic, and cabbage, as well as crops (such as tomatoes & beans) that can be preserved by canning and/or freezing. **Note: This session will take place in the backyard of a private residence. Be prepared to be outdoors. Instructors: Pam Schmidt, MSU Extension – Leelanau and Richard Allen, Eden Now Gardens.

Growing Together, The Family Vegetable Garden (bring the kids!)

10:30 AM-12:00 Noon, Saturday, May 29, 2010 - Leelanau Community Garden, Approx 2 miles west of the village of Suttons Bay.

Bring the kids along for a fun filled morning of gardening activities, at the Leelanau Community Garden. Much of the food raised at this garden is donated to area food pantries. You will have the opportunity to give back to the community, while also learning, planting, tasting, and having fun! The Leelanau Community Garden is located on Horn Road, ½ mile north of M-204. Instructor: Master Gardener Volunteers and Pam Schmidt, MSU Extension – Leelanau.

101 Organic Pest & Weed Control for Home Gardeners

6:00-7:30 PM, Wednesday, June 2, 2010 - Leelanau County Government Center (Community Room)

Attend this session to learn basic strategies for building healthy soil (resulting in healthier plants!), and how to manage common pests, disease, and weed problems. Recommendations will be both preventative, and based on organic gardening practices. Instructor: Pam Schmidt, MSU Extension – Leelanau.