

Rooting DC 2008
February 2, 2008 - Agenda

- 9:00-9:30** **Registration; please mark your garden on the map**
- 9:30am-9:45** **Welcome! Metropolitan Washington Green Infrastructure Demonstration Project**
(Glenn Eugster) A brief overview of the concept of green infrastructure: how does your garden fit into the larger picture of a greener, healthier DC?
- 9:45-10:10** **Introduction of co-sponsors and description of breakout presentations**
- 10:15-11:00** **Breakout Groups Session One (CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)**
- Education Standards & Gardening (Grace Manubay)
We will discuss and share different techniques to integrate gardening experiences into reading, math, and science curricula. We can also brainstorm ways that DC Schoolyard Greening can better serve the interests of teachers and schools.
- Tips & Tricks to get your garden started (City Blossoms and Judy Tiger)
Judy will focus on the startup of city gardens - the people and the resources. Rebecca and Lola will lead a discussion and collaborative brainstorm about resources and creative ideas for gardening in the city.
- Herbs and Medicinal Plants (Fannie Hamilton)
Fannie will discuss using herbs in everyday cooking, and share numerous ways medicinal plants can benefit your health!
- 11:00-11:15** **Recap/Break**
- 11:20-12:05** **Breakout Groups Session Two (CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)**
- Gardening with native plants - what is all the fuss about? (Jenny Reed)
We will discuss five steps the homeowner can take to enjoy a more eco-friendly garden.
- Tips & Tricks to keep your garden going (City Blossoms and Judy Tiger)

Judy will focus on the ongoing maintenance of city gardens - the people and the resources. Rebecca and Lola will lead a discussion and collaborative brainstorm about resources and creative ideas for gardening in the city.

Gardening for Nutrition (Kim Rush, Liz Falk, and Susan Ellsworth)

This interactive workshop will focus on the role that the 7th Street Garden plays in securing local, nutritious food for the community while connecting its gardeners to each other and the earth they cultivate. In addition, you will gain a better understanding of the benefits of home-grown produce from nutritional, energetic and emotional perspectives. After all, you are what you eat!

12:05-12:15

Recap/Break

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Film Trailer (Women's Garden Cycles)

Three friends left from their home in Washington, DC and biked to Montreal, Canada and back, visiting and filming new groups of farmers who are living alternatives to industrial food. Sneak a preview at WGC's upcoming film on the new American Farmer and learn from their trip what's possible in DC!

12:30-12:45

Saving Public Property for Community Use (Parisa Norouzi)

A brief overview of the People's Property Campaign's (PPC) efforts to save public property for public use, not private profit, and how Bill 17-0527 can support the growth and stability of community gardens.

12:45-1:00

Wrap-up, Announcements for Upcoming Events