

Rooting DC 2012 Agenda

- 9:00 - 9:45** **Registration and sign-in**
9:45 - 10:00 **Introduction** – Katie Rehwaldt & Bea Trickett, Rooting DC Co-Coordinators
10:00 - 10:30 ****Keynote Address: Why Gardening is Essential to a Sustainable DC** (Auditorium)
Brendan Shane – District Department of the Environment

10:45 - 11:45 **Workshop Session 1** (Please choose one)

- Local Approaches to Food Justice** (Auditorium)
Paul Strauss – US Senator for the District of Columbia
Alex Ashbrook – DC Hunger Solutions
Stephen Kendall – DC Central Kitchen
Pertula George – Common Good City Farm
Lauren Shweder Biel – DC Greens
- **Constructing Raised Beds for Small Space Gardening** (Armory)
Dennis Chestnut – Groundwork Anacostia River DC
- D.C. School Lunch 101: How do school meals work in DC, and how can urban gardeners join the farm to school movement?** (ROTC Room)
Andrea Northup – DC Farm to School Network
- Ethnic Foods in Washington, DC: The impact on immigrant and indigenous Populations** (Classroom B116)
Yao Afantchao – UDC Extension Educator
- An Edible Forest in Your Backyard** (Classroom B111)
Spencer Ellsworth – Beet Street Gardens
Lincoln Smith – Forested Creative Ecology
- Cooking Today with Tandra Raye: Healing with Herbs** (Cafeteria)
Tandra Raye Stevenson – UDC Center for Nutrition, Diet and Health
- How to Grow a Grassapillar and Other Garden Crafts** (North Gym)
Washington Youth Garden
Please note: this is a kid-friendly workshop designed for the whole family. Please do not leave your child unattended.

12:00 - 1:00 **Workshop Session 2** (Please choose one)

- What Can We Learn From Our Neighbors: A panel about gardening projects in Baltimore** (Auditorium)
Arthur Morgan – Hamilton Crop Circle
Katie Dix – Community Greening Resource Network (CGRN)
Chrissa Carlson – Urban Farmhouse Edibles, School Garden Educator, one of CGRN's original organizers
Rashelle Celestin – Asset Manager of DHCD - Land Resources (AdoptaLot)
- Getting Dirty: Soil Basics** (Armory)
Maureen Moodie – Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture
- Saving Your Vegetable Seeds** (ROTC Room)
Paul Blundell – Southern Exposure Seed Exchange
- How Beekeeping Fits in with Gardening & How Gardeners Fit into Beekeeping** (Classroom B116)
Kelly Melsted and Izzy Hill – Beekeepers
- Who said it's too cold to grow food? A session on four-season farming** (Classroom B111)
Christian Melendez – ECO City Farms
- **Cooking with Local Produce: Eating Healthy Vegetarian on a Budget**
Juliette Tahar – Healthy Living, Inc. (Cafeteria)
- Tips and Tricks for Outdoor Cooking with Kids** (North Gym)
Lola Bloom – City Blossoms

Please note: Children, families and teachers are all invited to this hands-on learning experience! Please do not leave your child unattended.

1:00 - 2:00 **Information Fair** (*South Gym*) & **Lunch** (\$7 for box lunch, or BYO)
1:10 & 1:40: **Learn how to make the perfect batch of guacamole**, with Chipotle chefs Elizabeth and Barry. No prior cooking experience needed! (*Classroom B111*)

2:15 - 3:15 **Workshop Session 3** (*Please choose one*)

****How to Build a Successful School Garden and Use it!** (*Auditorium*)

Mia Ballard – City Blossoms
Rebecca Lemos – City Blossoms
Anna Benfield – Washington Youth Garden
Sarah Bernardi – DC Greens

An Introduction to Common Garden Pests and Organic Pest Control (*Armory*)

Mary Farrah – UDC Cooperative Extension Service

Backyard wildlife gardening in the District: Attracting pollinators with native (and edible) plants (*ROTC Room*)

Julie Dieguez – Audubon MD/DC
Damien Ossi – District Department of the Environment

Harnessing the Power of a Community (*Classroom B116*)

Kirk Douglas – Beet Street Garden Steward
Jackie Lawrence – Beet Street Garden Steward
Carlton Wright – Beet Street Garden Steward

DC Area Historic Heirlooms: Growing and Eating and Healing With History (*Classroom B111*)

Michael Twitty – afroculinaria.com

Canning for Beginners by Bradley Kennedy (*Cafeteria*)

Free Childcare will be offered by the DC Childcare Collective in the North Gym

3:30 - 4:30 **Workshop Session 4** (*Please choose one*)

****Getting the Most Bang for your Buck – Through Gardening** (*Auditorium*)

Susan Topping – Capital Area Food Bank
Abbie Steiner – Capital Area Food Bank

Standard and Worm Composting (*Armory*)

Niko Welch – Common Good City Farm

Volunteer Resources for Urban Farms and School Gardens (*ROTC Room*)

Laura Toscano – HandsOn Greater DC Cares
Kristin Georger – Neighborhood Farm Initiative
Cathy Anderton – Neighborhood Farm Initiative
Sarah Bernardi – DC Greens

Harvesting and Preserving Herbs (*Cafeteria*)

Tricia McCauley – Nutricia Consulting

The Best Fruit Trees for the Mid-Atlantic Climate and Small-Space Gardens (*Classroom B116*)

Kathy Jentz – *Washington Gardener Magazine*

Gardening with Early Childhood (*Classroom B111*)

Mia Ballard & Rebecca Lemos – City Blossoms

15 Minute Field Trips: Garden Activities Round Robin (*North Gym*)

Anna Benfield – Washington Youth Garden
Nadia Mercer – Washington Youth Garden
Jonna McKone – EW Stokes

Andrea Northup – D.C. Farm to School Network

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**** These presentations will be translated into Spanish via headset, by request**