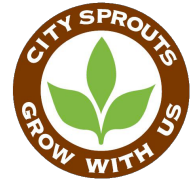


Growing Gardeners Workshop Series

Spring 2016 - February through April



Please RSVP to gardenmanager@omahasprouts.org

GARDEN SKILLS



FRUIT TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP 2 with Jake Phillips

Sunday, February 28th 3:00 - 5:00PM

at Clair United Methodist Church, 5544 Ames Ave

Come learn the basics of fruit tree pruning from a community expert! This workshop will be hands-on and geared toward gardeners and aspiring orchardists. Now is the time to prune your fruit trees! **Free!**

CREATING POLLINATOR HABITAT IN YOUR GARDEN

with Cait Caughey Monday, March 7th 6PM - 7PM

at Urban Abbey, 1026 Jackson St

Now, more than ever, it is important to create habitat for our pollinators. Their numbers are severely decreasing, and they are crucial for environmental health and food security! Come and learn how to create a pollinator oasis in your garden, yard, or on your small farm. Take home free resources! **Free!**

STARTING FROM SEED: INTRO TO STARTING PLANTS FROM SEED

with Ali Clark Saturday, March 12th, 12:30PM to 2PM

at South Omaha Library, 2808 Q St

Learn how to start tomatoes and peppers from seed, and start a spring garden indoors with lettuce and herbs! All participants will take home 6 seed starts and an herb and lettuce bowl! **Free! Open to the public, Spanish translators available.**

BACKYARD CHICKENS with Ali Clark and Roxanne Williams Draper

Saturday, April 16th 10AM - 12PM at Mulhall's, 3615 N 120th St

Interested in starting your own backyard flock? We will talk through the basics of coop design, chicken breeds, and chicken care to get you off on the right track of being a backyard chicken farmer! **Free!**

CANNING & COOKING

PLANNING FOR CANNING with Ali Clark

Saturday, March 19th 10AM - 11AM at City Sprouts, 4002 Seward Street

Interested in a year full of garden fresh veggies? Know (or want to learn) the basics of canning? Start the season off right, with a plan to can! **Free!**

HOMEMADE BABY FOOD with Cait Caughey

Monday, April 25th 6:30PM - 8PM at City Sprouts, 4002 Seward Street

Making your own baby food is super easy — let's use fresh, wholesome, delicious ingredients from the garden to make super nutritious food for our babies. Cookbooks and free resources for you to take home on baby & child nutrition as well as breastfeeding! **Free!**

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

THE BIG GARDEN SEED SHARE with the whole Big Garden Crew!

Saturday, February 20th 10AM - 2PM at Omaha Whole Living, 521 N 33rd Street

Join us for The Big Garden's second annual seed share! Bring seeds to share if you are able, if not feel free to take a variety of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds for your garden this year. Activities for children & youth and free resources for the whole family. **Free!**

PYSANKA: UKRAINIAN EGG DECORATING WORKSHOP with Mary Green of Dundee Community Garden

Saturday, March 5th 1PM - 3PM at City Sprouts, 4002 Seward Street

Learn the basics of Ukrainian egg decorating, also known as pysanka! Pysanka is a process that uses wax and dye to create "resist" patterns and intricate designs compared to a traditional Easter egg. **Free!**

LOCAL FOODS ON A BUDGET 2.0 with Cait Caughey & Ali Clark

Thursday, March 10th 6PM - 8PM at City Sprouts, 4002 Seward Street

Learn how to incorporate more local & organic food into your life, even on a tight budget. We will discuss everything from CSAs, the best retail spots to buy local, tips for shopping at the farmer's market, and advice from experts. Even if you attended this last year we promise you will learn new things!

Free!

UNITED METHODIST MINISTRIES 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Friday, April 8th and Saturday, April 9th ALL DAY

at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass Street

Join United Methodist Ministries as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary! Friday evening will feature ribbon-cutting at the new Big Garden Campus site, a locally-sourced gourmet banquet, and a keynote address by Harriett Jane Olson, General Secretary and CEO of the United Methodist Women. Saturday will feature hands-on workshops on various topics including organic gardening, spring canning, poverty & food security, and a living history discussion of United Methodist Ministries. **For more info & to register visit www.biggarden.org**



NEW! BIG MUDDY URBAN FARM ACADEMY

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with our favorite urban farmers — Big Muddy Urban Farm. Their new Academy will offer 2 series in 2016; Soil Health and Chickens. Series will include topics of Growing Techniques, Varieties, Origins/History, Harvesting, Experiments and Culinary Uses. The series will give you the tools to help you prosper as a homestead gardener. **\$12 per session or \$50 for a series of 5 sessions** Workshops held at Big Muddy Urban Farm House 3322 Burt Street

REGISTER by visiting www.bigmuddyurbanfarm.com.

For questions email info@bigmuddyurbanfarm.com

CHICKENS SERIES

Wednesdays at 6PM

Variety/Choose Chickens — March 30th

Chicks Arrive — April 6th

Coop Release, Techniques — May 11th

Harvest/Culinary — July 13th

Harvest/Culinary — August 10th

SOIL HEALTH SERIES

Tuesdays at 6PM

Testing Soil & Soil Types — May 3rd

Histories & Experiments — May 10th

Compost, Manure and Tea Soil Amendments — May 17th

Nutrient Management — May 31st

Cover Crops — June 14th

The Growing Gardeners Workshop Series is a collaboration between City Sprouts and The Big Garden in Omaha, Nebraska. Our purpose is to offer four seasons of hands-on workshops that feature skills and techniques for every gardener and urban farmer. All workshops are free or low-cost, all-ages, and no one will be turned away for inability to pay.

Questions? Contact **Cait Caughey** at ccaughey@bigmuddyumc.org or **Ali Clark** at gardenmanager@omahasprouts.org