2020 GardenHouse Workshops

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January 25
10a-12p
Beginning Beekeeping: What's the Buzz All About?
Why are these buzzing little insects so popular? Why is this a great hobby for anyone no matter where they live or their age? Join us to find out how to get started in the world of beekeeping. Workshop facilitated by Chris Robbins, owner of Nature’s Harvest Honey & Produce in St. Johns, MI. Register at intro2beez.eventbrite.com

February 1
10a-12p
Seed Starting & Transplanting
Learn the basics about seed starting for small-scale growing. Prepare a garden plan and seeding schedule. Workshop facilitated by Ben Crocker, Gardens & Greenhouse Coordinator for the Greater Lansing Food Bank Garden Project. *Workshop required for Urban Gardener Certification. Register at seedz.eventbrite.com

February 15
10a-12p
DIY Gardening
Do you want an amazing outdoor garden but don't have a lot of space or money? Learn about cheap and easy solutions like making your own trellis out of recycled material and maximizing your space with vertical gardening. Workshop facilitated by Annie Levardson, MSU Horticulture Department graduate and AmeriCorps Garden Development Specialist for the Ingham County Land Bank Garden Program and Kai Kepski, AmeriCorps Gardening Educator at the Allen Neighborhood Center. Register at https://diygardening.eventbrite.com

February 22
10a-12p
Planning Your Garden Year
Plan the layout, crops, planting schedule, and soil health management practices for your home garden. Discuss best layout strategies and leave with a written plan to make your garden year successful! Workshop facilitated by Abby Harper, the Community Food Systems Educator for MSU Extension. Register at plan4garden.eventbrite.com

February 29
10a-12p
Nutrition & Healing with Cultivated Herbs
Learn how to use cultivated herbs like sage, oregano, and thyme as well as wild plants nettle and plantain to provide nutrition and healing benefits for your body! Workshop facilitated by Patti Akley, Eastsider, certified homeopath/natural health consultant, herbal grower & producer, Reiki Reflexologist, Master Gardener, & homesteader. Register at plantsarefriendstoo.eventbrite.com

March 7
10a-12p
Seed Saving
Saving seeds from your garden can be an easy, cost effective way to connect with your garden! Learn the basics of seed saving and how to ensure successful stewardship practices for your garden's bounty! Workshop facilitated by Abby Harper, the Community Food Systems Educator for MSU Extension. Register at seedz4saving.eventbrite.com
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<td>March 21</td>
<td>10a-12p</td>
<td>Vermicomposting</td>
<td>Learn about vermicomposting and how to start your own outdoor worm composting bin at home. Workshop facilitated by Brooke Comer, graduate research assistant at MSU's Department of Horticulture and Donny Comer, Program and Education Coordinator at the Greater Lansing Food Bank. <em>Workshop required for Urban Gardener Certification. Register at <a href="https://wormsrcute.eventbrite.com">https://wormsrcute.eventbrite.com</a></em></td>
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<td>March 28</td>
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<td>The Pruning of Trees and Woody Ornamentals</td>
<td>In this workshop we will cover the basics of pruning from the first year through advanced age. The emphasis will be on the homeowner/gardener as well as small diverse orchard production. Bring your questions and favorite pruning tool! The workshop will be led by John Hooper who has decades of experience in fruit tree care and pruning and runs his own tree care business, Tree Keeper. Register at <a href="https://prunetrees.eventbrite.com">https://prunetrees.eventbrite.com</a>* Workshop required for Urban Gardener Certification.</td>
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<td>April 4</td>
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<td>Learn the Basics of Soil Care for Your Home Lawn &amp; Garden</td>
<td>This workshop will help you to properly soil sample your lawn and garden, manage nutrient levels and give you a general understanding of different types of soils, soil amendments and fertilizers for your home garden and lawn. Workshop facilitated by Chris Robbins, owner of Nature's Harvest Honey &amp; Produce in St. Johns, MI. <em>Workshop required for Urban Gardener Certification. Register at <a href="https://happysoil.eventbrite.com">https://happysoil.eventbrite.com</a></em></td>
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<td>Rain Garden</td>
<td>Help your neighborhood become storm-smart with home rain gardens! Learn rain garden basics including benefits, sizing, placement, construction, and species selection. Workshop facilitated by Egypt Krohn, Hunter Park GardenHouse Director. Register at <a href="https://raingarden.eventbrite.com">https://raingarden.eventbrite.com</a>*</td>
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<td>Mushroom Cultivation</td>
<td>Learn the process of growing mushrooms on logs. There will be a hands on demonstration of inoculating logs with shiitake and oyster mushroom spawn. Facilitated by Robbie Kramer, mushroom enthusiast. Register at <a href="https://shroomcultivation.eventbrite.com">https://shroomcultivation.eventbrite.com</a>*</td>
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<td>May 2</td>
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<td>Organic Management of Insect Pests for the Small Farm or Garden</td>
<td>Cover ecological approaches to pest management for the small farm and garden. Provide an overview of insect biology and ecology and some common organic pest management approaches. Workshop facilitated by Matthew Greishop, MSU Department of Entomology. <em>Workshop required for Urban Gardener Certification. Register at <a href="https://bugzlife.eventbrite.com">https://bugzlife.eventbrite.com</a></em></td>
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Tiny Spaces Gardening
Come learn how to grow herbs and produce on the cheap and with little space! A lot of us are too busy to cultivate our dreamy #goals garden but we can breakdown what is possible and build from there. Learn local resources for free seeds and plants and skills for helping your plants flourish in whatever space you have them. Facilitated by Karalyn Grimes, local community organizer passionate about eliminating racism, classism, and oppression in our food systems. Register at https://tinyspaces.eventbrite.com

Gardening 101
Are you new to gardening? Learn the basic skills to become a successful gardener. This is the place where it is okay to be embarrassed and have a lot of questions! Workshop facilitated by Annie Levardson, MSU Horticulture Department graduate and AmeriCorps Garden Development Specialist for the Ingham County Land Bank Garden Program. Register at https://gardenz101.eventbrite.com

Flower Arranging
Learn how to create gorgeous hand-cut bouquets and plant the gardens that grow them. Workshop facilitated by neighborhood expert Barb Laxton. Register at https://flowerarranging.eventbrite.com

WyldWalkin'-Urban Foraging
Learn how to identify, harvest, & utilize local plants for food & health! This class will empower people to go in to their own back yard & use common weeds like dandelion in a salad, tea, or an herbed vinegar to support our livers and lamb's quarters, just to name a few. Workshop facilitated by Patti Akley, Eastsider, certified homeopath/natural health consultant, herbal grower & producer, Reiki Reflexologist, Master Gardener, & homesteader. Register at https://wyldwalkin.eventbrite.com

Season Extension Techniques for the Small Scale and Home Gardener
This workshop will give you practical designs and tips to extend your gardening season on either end of the growing season. We will cover variety selection, soil preparation, and low and high tunnel structures, as well as cold frames and small greenhouse structure designs. Workshop facilitated by Chris Robbins, owner of Nature’s Harvest Honey & Produce in St. Johns, MI. Register at https://seasonextension.eventbrite.com