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March 4, 2015

See You at Our Edible Plant Sale

Our March Edible Plant Sale is coming up next Sat., March 14; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Pacific Market Center in SODO. Jump start your spring gardening with a delectable array of organically and locally grown cool season veggie, herb, flower and fruit plants! Be sure to invite your friends on Facebook and find out more about the event on our blog.

Buy a ticket for the <u>Early Bird Sale</u> on Friday, March 13, and get first pick of the plants or <u>volunteer</u> and get in for free. We're still looking for help with set-up, ticket writing, plant selling and event breakdown. Come lend a hand!

P.S. Don't forget to **save the date** for our <u>May Edible Plant Sale</u> on May 2-3 (for summer crops such as tomatoes, peppers, squash and corn).

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Teach Others to Care for the Earth

Come join a growing community of dedicated volunteers who teach others how to care for soil and water, recycle, waste less and turn their garbage into gold! Training opportunities start this spring in Seattle, the Eastside and South King County. Applications are due March 14. Learn more on our blog or attend an info session:

- Mar. 4, Kirkland <u>Master Recycler Composter Eastside</u>
- Mar. 4 & 5, Seattle Master Composter/Soil Builder
- Mar. 11, Renton <u>King County Master Recycler</u>



Sign-up for Summer Camp

Introduce your kids to the **magical world of plants and critters** at summer garden and farm camp with Seattle Tilth! Sign-up for multiple camps and build upon the learning and fun. Locations in Rainier Valley, Wallingford and Woodinville. <u>Find out more</u>...

Learn Permaculture Design

Dive into permaculture with our intensive <u>Permaculture Design</u> <u>Course</u>, six weekends starting Sat., May 16 at South Seattle Community College. Renowned permaculturalists Toby Hemenway and Larry Santoyo will teach you how to use ecological principals to create sustainable human communities that have the diversity, stability and resilience of natural ecosystems.



Compost Days is almost here! From March 15-April 15 enjoy discounts on Cedar Grove compost, kitchen containers and biobags at participating retail locations. PLUS, for every bag purchased, one yard of compost will be donated to Seattle Tilth gardens and farms. Find out more on Cedar Grove's website.





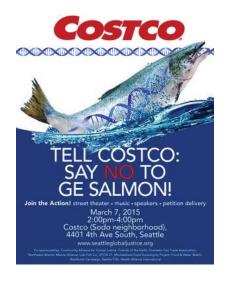
DONATE NOW. CompostDays.com

Subscribe to Our CSA

Take part in Seattle Tilth's CSA and get a weekly box of farm fresh, delicious produce! You'll support new and limited resource farmers and local family farms for 20 weeks, June-October. Add on pastured pork and chicken, bread, organic fruit and cheese and more. We've expanded pick-up hours, locations and payment plans - and now offer home delivery by bike! Get more info and enjoy a FREE box of veggies when you sign-up as an "early bird" by March 16.

Say "NO" to GE Salmon

Genetically engineered salmon? No, thanks. You can speak up and tell Costco to join other major food stores by refusing to sell it at a rally on Saturday, March 7; 2-4 p.m. with Community Alliance for Global Justice. Get up to speed on what's at stake and find out what Friends of the Earth has to say on the issue.



Get Ready, Set, Garden!

Mmm, can you feel it? Spring's just around the corner! Join us for a class and gain the knowledge you need to get your garden growing. Take our **Smart Garden Planning** class or learn if chickens are right for you in our **All About Chickens** class. Or join us for our **Comprehensive Organic Gardener** course, which provides a solid introduction to growing food in the city.

Check out our <u>calendar of classes</u> or see the <u>full list</u>. We'll be adding classes throughout the year, so check back often for new offerings!

Veggie Gardening

Learn how to grow food successfully in the city. Smart Garden Planning Wed., Mar. 18; 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Soil Food Web: Field Study Sat., Mar. 21; 2-5 p.m. Comprehensive Organic Gardener Mar. 25-Apr. 15 Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. & Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Get Your Garden Growing Thu., Apr. 2; 6-8 p.m. Get Your Garden Growing Sat., Apr. 25; 10 a.m.-noon Container Gardening 101 Thu., Apr. 9; 6-8 p.m. Container Gardening 101 Wed., May 20; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Organic Gardening 101 Apr. 16 & Apr 23 TWO Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Organic Gardening 101 Sat. May 30; 10 a.m.-noon Grow Great Tomatoes Sat., May 9; 10 a.m.-noon. Organic Pest Management Sat., May 16; 2-4 p.m.

Urban Livestock Classes

Find out what it takes to raise urban farm critters. All About Chickens Sat., Mar. 21; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. All About Chickens Sat., Apr. 18; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Raise City Rabbits Sun., Mar. 22; 10 a.m.-noon Raise City Goats Sat., May 30; 10 a.m.-noon

Permaculture & Sustainable Landscapes

Go beyond basic veggie gardening.

Urban Weeds & Wild Foods - Part 1: Identify & Harvest

Sat., Apr. 18; 10 a.m.- noon

Urban Weeds & Wild Foods - Part 2: Preparing for Your Table Sat., Apr. 18; 2-4 p.m.

Permaculture Design Course

Saturdays and Sundays, May 16-October 18; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Secrets of Companion Planting Sat., May 16; 10 a.m.-noon.







Meet a Tiny Garden Hero -- the Mason Bee

In the cooler temperatures of our northwest spring, orchard mason bees begin to emerge from the wood cavities where they have spent the last nine months or more growing from eggs to winged adults. What is their role in the garden and how are they different from honey bees, you ask? Find out more in our Garden Almanac or check out our blog to get acquainted with Osmia lignaria. Check out our books Your Farm in the City and the new edition of our Maritime Northwest Garden Guide for more ideas and guidance.

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