

Workshop Title:

**Connecting with School Gardens:** stewarding school garden spaces to grow more food and share our cultural practices with the school community.

Categories:

How-to, leadership, neighborhood advocacy, community organizing strategies, social and environmental stewardship, and gardening with youth.

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Workshop Description:

Big Green will present an hour long workshop to invite CCGA members to participate in 2 new programs our organization has developed to increase community participation in school gardens. During the summer months while school is out of session, many school gardens are under utilized. These new opportunities to collaborate with Big Green and our school partners will open school gardens to community members looking to increase the land they have access to for food production either for themselves or to contribute to the food security of their neighbors. The relationship gardeners can form with schools will also provide the option to continue to support those gardens during the school year and connect to the larger school community.

This opportunity also provides rich opportunities for community gardeners to share their food and gardening traditions with the school community. Classrooms are excited to learn about the cultural practices we can share with each other through our gardening. In this workshop we will present an example of what that might look like as a participant. We will also leave ample time for discussion and q/a.

Workshop leaders:

This workshop will be led by Big Green staff, and a representative from the Chicago Community Gardeners Association yet to be identified (we are working with Dan Gibbs and Gina Jamieson to identify our guest presenter).

Presenters/moderators are:

Katherine Jernigan, Big Green Program Coordinator  
Amina Bahloul, Big Green Program Coordinator

Guest Presenter:

Juline McClinton, Austin Green Team



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A presentation must be free of cultural appropriation and gender or racial bias.

We agree with this statement and affirm that our presentation is free of both. Our presentation will feature a representative from CCGA to share cultural garden practices as an example of how we can share an appreciation of our diverse food and agricultural traditions and push back against any cultural misappropriation of those traditions.

Spanish language presentations are sought by our attendees.

Big Green does not currently have the capacity to present this workshop in Spanish but would be excited to work with any resources available to provide this content in Spanish. We can work to have all written content we share in both Spanish and English.

Please select your presentation format:

Live Presentation:

Workshop

Presentation time:

We are available for these 2 morning time slots.

10:00 - 11:00am  11:30am - 12:30pm  ~~2:00 - 3:00pm~~

