



CCGA 8TH ANNUAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
CONNECTIONS THROUGH GARDENING
PLANTS, PEOPLE & THE ENVIRONMENT
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021

9:30AM – 4:00PM • \$25 ADULTS • \$15 STUDENTS
Scholarships are available! See website for details.

Join us for an exciting and informative virtual gathering of Chicago's amazing community gardeners! We've planned a day filled with live presentations, interactive breakout sessions, fun activities, wellness, special announcements, gardener-to-gardener networking, and a virtual exhibitor hall. There's something for both new and experienced gardeners!

Live Presentations

Mapping Soil Lead in Chicago, Potential Uptake by Vegetables

Andrew Margenot and George Watson, University of Illinois Crop Sciences

Production Planning for Community Garden Systems

Zach Grant, University of Illinois Extension

Selecting Fruit Tree Varieties for an Extended Harvest (Pick Three!)

Tim Hamilton, "MIDFEX" Midwest Fruit Tree Explorers

Best Practices for Sustainable Gardening in Small Spaces

Emilia Arellano, Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance

Keeping Bees at Your Community Garden

Matthias Lampe, Head Beekeeper at El Paseo Community Garden

Connect to School Gardens: Growing More Food and Celebrating Culture in Community

Katherine Jernigan, Amina Bahloul, and Sam Koentopp of Big Green, with special guest Juline McClinton of the Austin Green Team

#ChicagoGrowsFood: How to Creatively Grow Food in Small Spaces

Peter Hoy, Stein Learning Gardens at St. Sabina and Akilah Martin, Certified Professional Coach, AM Root Builders Inc.

The Offers & Needs Market

Mike Strode, Kola Nut Collaborative

Treehuggers Unite: Plant and Protect our Trees!

Betsy Elsaesser, Certified Arborist

2021 Water Access for Urban Growers

Sean Ruane, Advocates for Urban Agriculture, and Robin Cline, NeighborSpace

Permaculture in Practice

Lori Upchurch and Anai Brizuela, co-founders of Chicago Urban Permaculture Salon

Growing Extra for Food Pantries in a Time of Food Insecurity: Trials, Tribulations and Successes

Christine Ahmed, Coordinator at Vermillion Community Garden, founder of Grow A Row in Vermillion, SD

Sharing Notes: Community Gardeners Panel Discussion

Community Super-Gardeners May Toy, Kasey Eaves, and Paula Acevedo with Breanne Heath, Chicago Park District

Presentaciones en vivo en español

Técnicas eficaces para la jardinería ecológica en pequeños espacios

Emilia Arellano, Coordinadora de invernadero para el Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance

Introducción a la Permacultura en Práctica

Lori Upchurch y Anai Brizuela, Cofundadores del Salón de Permacultura Urbana de Chicago

Special Events & Breakout Sessions

Legacy Gardeners Project premier highlighting two special community gardeners

Ask a Gardener with Dan Gibbs of the Austin Green Team

Cooking Demo with Chef Trinisa Williams of Trini's Tasty Pastries

Get Moving with Mixxedfit! with Veronica Perez, CEO of VDanceFit & Mixxedfit Master Educator of Illinois

Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards with Mike Nowak and Peggy Maleki

Plus, recordings of ALL presentations will be available for attendees to view on-demand after the conference!