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Connecting Chicago Community Gardens 2nd Annual Gathering



March 22, 2014

**A Gathering for Community Gardeners,
by Community Gardeners**

**A day for Chicago's community gardeners to connect,
learn, share ideas, and work together to grow strong
roots for the future of community gardening.**

AGENDA

10:00 am – 11:00 am	Registration
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Welcome & Guest Speaker
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	Regional Breakouts
12:45 pm – 1:45 pm	Lunch (Check out the Seed Swap and Garden Consignment Shop!)
1:45 pm – 2:35 pm	Workshop Session 1 (See pages 4&5 for workshop descriptions)
2:35 pm – 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 pm – 3:35 pm	Workshop Session 2

YOUR EVENT CHECKLIST

Make sure you complete the following throughout the day:

- Learn something new at a workshop
- Share and swap seeds
- Add your garden to the online Garden Map
- Participate in your Regional Breakout Session
- Add your events (real and wished) to the CCCG Calendar
- Stop by the Garden Consignment Shop
- Participate in the CCCG Garden Photo Contest
- Fill out the CCCG 2014 Questionnaire

Connecting Chicago Community Gardens (CCCG)

CCCG is a network of Chicago community gardens who have come together to grow deep roots. We want to thank everyone who helped with CCCG over the past year. Because of your efforts we have organized plant divides across the city, run workshops, created an interactive online garden map, launched a new website, set up a community greenhouse, shared garden resources and today we are able to host the 2nd Annual city-wide gathering. Together we will grow stronger in 2014!



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WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Room 301-304

Title: From Lake to Lunch: Urban Gardening's Place in the Regional Water Cycle.

Presenters: Dr. Zaber & Qae-Dah Muhammad

The Gary/Chicago/Milwaukee metropolitan region encompasses two major continental-scale watersheds containing one of the largest freshwater resources on the planet. Despite centuries of abuse, these systems continue to provide clean and fresh water for millions of Americans and Canadians. This seemingly endless source of fresh water is threatened, however, by accelerating climatic changes at a global scale. Understanding one's place in the landscape, particularly as it relates to water resources is an essential first step towards preparing for and mitigating changes brought about by increasing pollution. Dr. Zaber will discuss the role of gardening in that cycle from a food and biological security perspective and will provide ideas on how to manage properties in ways that increase resilience and protects productivity.

Room 306

Title: White Rock Gleaning Program: How Community Gardens Can Make the Most of their Harvest.

Presenters: Robert Nevel, Sarah Finkel, Patricia Bon, Caitlin Donato

This workshop will share the history and the importance of gleaning programs. You will hear from gardeners about how they harvest produce for donation and how they formed partnerships with food pantries or hot meal programs. You will walk away with an understanding on how your community garden can start or join a gleaning program.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

Room 305

Title: Compost Chicago!

Presenter: Carolyn Johnson

Come learn about composting in Chicago. Share your experiences with other Chicago gardeners. Master Gardener and Composter Carolyn Johnson will lead a workshop covering the basics of outdoor and indoor composting in the city. We'll talk about soil chemistry, micro- and macro decomposers, types of compost bins to build or use in Chicago. Meet some red wiggler worms and see if vermicomposting is for you.

Room 307

Title: Edible Perennials

Presenter: Karen Roothaan

Almost any food garden can include crops that live from year to year. We will cover such garden standbys as rhubarb, strawberries, many herbs, asparagus, berries, and fruit trees. Learn about space, light, and soil requirements for these crops, and also how to propagate and increase your stock.

Room 308

Title: Gardening through the Polar Vortex: Season Extension Techniques for Community Gardening

Presenter: Ben Jaffe, Windy City Harvest

It may have been an unusually cold winter, but that doesn't mean you can't get started early this growing season! At this workshop you will learn how to have a four-season harvest so you can enjoy fresh produce year round!

Connect with a Garden Group in your Neighborhood!

Alianza Verde (Pilsen)	pilsenalianzaverde@gmail.com
Austin Green Team	patjackson56@gmail.com
Bowmanville Community Organization	Gardening@bcochicago.org
Bronzeville Alliance Green Team	bronzevillealliance.org
Enlace (Little Village)	info@enlacechicago.org
Garfield Park Community Garden Network	taylor3433@yahoo.com
Garden Resources of Woodlawn	growwoodlawn.org
Growing Pride (Humboldt Park)	growing-pride@googlegroups.com
North Lawndale Greening Committee	nlgreeningcommittee@gmail.com
G.E.T. Gardening (Englewood)	bejstst@yahoo.com
Rogers Park Garden Group	rogersparkgardengroup.org
Roseland-Pullman Urban Agriculture & Community Garden Group	facebook.com/RoselandPullmanUrbAgNet

We apologize in advance if we missed any groups.
Send them our way at info@neighbor-space.org

ONGOING EVENTS

Seed Swap

Bring saved seeds from your garden or leftover seed packets from last year to share and swap. All gardeners are welcome - you don't have to bring seeds to take any! There will be seed-cleaning demos from experienced seed savers, and individuals and organizations dedicated to seed saving to talk about their projects and how to get involved.

Garden Consignment Shop

You'll have the opportunity to buy locally-grown preserves, jams, jellies, hot sauces, honey, medicinal teas and tinctures, organic soaps and body care products, and wood and resin jewelry featuring foraged plant life.

CCCG Garden Photo Contest

Check out the garden photos in the hallway and invent a caption for the photo. Best captions wins prizes.

GUEST SPEAKER

Daniel Tucker works as an artist, writer and organizer developing documentaries, publications and events inspired by his interest in social movements and the people and places from which they emerge. Tucker recently earned an MFA from University of Illinois at Chicago and has been teaching a series of adult education seminars on Chicago Political Art based on his collaborative research for the publication AREA Chicago (which he edited from 2005-2010) and the oral history and archive project Never-The-Same.org. In 2010 he co-authored the book *Farm Together Now: A Portrait of People, Places and Ideas for a New Food Movement* (Chronicle Books, 2010) which was picked by Michael Pollan as his favorite food book of that year on grist.org. He is presently at work editing a new book on the intersections of ecology, ethics and art entitled *Immersive Life Practices* and completing a documentary on the founder of an early 1970s urban agriculture organization known as Community Technology.

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