Chicago Community Gardeners Association

CCGA

4th Annual Conference

Saturday, March 5, 2016
9am-2pm
South Shore Cultural Center
71st Street and South Shore Drive

Garden as though you will live forever
—William Kent
Welcome to the 4th Annual Conference of the Chicago Community Gardens Association.

Welcome
Speakers’ Biographies

Robert Hart is also a member of the public at large (organizational representative). He is a retired teacher of the Chicago Public Schools and has been an advocate for education for over 30 years. He has been involved in numerous organizations and has contributed significantly to the field of education. Robert Hart is the Assistant Director of Neighborhoods, Chicago's community gardening.
CCGA Resource and Education Committees Upcoming Events:

- How to register: Visit the Chicago Community Garden Resource and Education Committee website:
  - http://www.chicagocommunitygarden.com

-workshops and educational programs for all skill levels.

- Join Our Volunteer Programs:
  - Chicago Community Garden Tool Bank
  - Chicago Community Garden Arbor Day Tours
  - Chicago Community Garden Resource Orientation

- Join Our Membership:
  - General Membership
  - Student Membership
  - Youth Membership

- For more information contact:
  - Chicago Community Garden Resource and Education Committee
  - 773-334-0000

Speaker Biographies:


Carrie Johnson: University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener and Community Coordinator for the Illinois Master Gardener Program.

Erik Hanson: Longtime community garden volunteer and member of the CCGA Resource and Education Committee.
Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you!

The Chicago Community Gardeners Association would like to thank the following individuals and entities for their generous help and donations, without which this Annual Conference would not be possible.

The Chicago Park District: for allowing us to host this event at the beautiful South Shore Cultural Center, Kristen Brock for coordinating the attendant details. The staff of SSCC for their professionalism and help.

NeighborSpace: for securing this venue, helping to coordinate the registration and CCGA website with the CCGA Communications Committee, photocopying, and general willingness to assist.

Wishbone Catering: for working within our budget to put on a lovely Continental breakfast and Luncheon.

Our Speakers: who all cheerfully agreed to stand up before a large audience and teach!

Our Exhibitors: for being willing to come out and face over 200 eager community gardeners, all of whom (we hope) will come and chat with the exhibitors about their goods and services.

Erik Hernandez: for putting together a wonderful “slide show” of photos of community gardens.

Our Raffle Contributors: So many folks donated raffle prizes that we hope we have listed all of them here: Pat Irby and Robert Hart, Mary Hill, Lucia Jasztynzbi, Cordia Pugh, Home Depot, The ReBuilding Exchange, ReStore (Habitat for Humanity), Westover Farms, Christy Webber, NeighborSpace, Openlands, Angela & Sam Taylor, Ellen Newcomer, Chicago Cares, Beth Botts and Mark Teegan.

Amy Olson: for such a lovely logo and program design.

And thank you, Julie!

Without the determination, vision and drive of Julie Samuels, there would be no Chicago Community Gardeners Association as we know it today. Julie has consistently been the driving force, organizing and facilitating meetings, asking questions, recruiting gardeners, and critiquing our efforts. We are sure she is already drafting the agenda for the “after Conference” assessment meeting, and will be asking all of us “What’s next?” Thank you, Julie—for your patience, persistence, and belief in CCGA.