**Kilbourn Park Organic Gardening Series**

**Permaculture Series -** [**https://apm.activecommunities.com/chicagoparkdistrict/Activity\_Search/187719**](https://apm.activecommunities.com/chicagoparkdistrict/Activity_Search/187719)

In this lecture series we will learn what permaculture is and how to incorporate the principles into your garden design. Annamarie Leon is the edible landscapes manager at Christy Webber Landscapes and she is a skilled permaculturist and is active in the neighborhood greening initiatives happening in North Lawndale and other Chicago neighborhoods. The class will be broken up into three segments. With the opportunity for drop-ins in segments 2 and 3.

**Class 1 - January 21st (10am-12)**

Learn all about permaculture and learn how it is practiced and why it is a great approach to gardening for the long term and in an effort to be sustainable.

**Class 2 - January 28th (10am-12)**

Bring your own garden designs in for edits and input from Annamaria. Also this is an opportunity to learn how to implement more perennials into your garden layout.

**Class 3-6**

**Tours**Spring, Summer, and Fall (Sites and dates to be determined by class attendees)

**Various Workdays -** Spring, Summer, and Fall Workdays in the garden to help apply your knowledge. Dates to be determined by class attendees.

**Seed Series -** [**https://apm.activecommunities.com/chicagoparkdistrict/Activity\_Search/189524**](https://apm.activecommunities.com/chicagoparkdistrict/Activity_Search/189524)

**Every other Saturday (noon-1:30pm) Feb. 4th - Mar. 18th)**

This series is geared towards beginner gardeners and those still learning about the wonders of growing plants. If you are just starting off we suggest that you attend all the classes because they build upon themselves, and if you are a veteran grower you should consider the final two classes. The third class will be a seed swap and you can buy seeds from Kilbourn Park greenhouse without having to pay for shipping. It's also a potluck so plan on bringing something yummy to share! The class will culminate with a seed starting demo. Sound Interesting?!

**February 4th - Seed Selection and Seed Sources**

This class starts off our series all about seeds. During this class you will learn all about the different reputable companies that sell seeds and the differences between organic, heirloom, and hybrid seeds. If you are clueless about those words and or need clarification make sure to attend this class.

**February 18th - Design Your Garden**

In this class you will learn to make the most of your growing space. Whether that is in your back yard, a community garden plot, a container, and even just in a windowsill planter. This class will build upon the first class but all are welcome especially if you like sharing gardening tips and or receiving advice from fellow gardeners.

**March 4th - Seed Swap and Potluck (BYOSide)**

Have you ever purchased seeds and not used the entire packet then had to throw them into your compost pile once they expired? Well you're in luck because we are hosting a seed swap and we are offering you the chance to purchase seeds from KPOG and save on shipping costs. It is also going to be a potluck and if you have any garden items frozen in your freezer, now's your chance to thaw them out and share them with other garden enthusiasts.

**March 18th - Seed Starting Demo**

Come out and learn several tips on how to start your own garden seeds. We will discuss various planting techniques and help you get off to a great start for the growing season. You might also get the chance to tag team with fellow gardeners and plan on sharing the load of seed starting. Hopefully friendships along with seeds start from this class.