
Last Chance to Register for CCGA Conference!

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It's your last chance to register for the 5th Annual CCGA Conference!

Hello Community Gardeners!

The conference is just 6 days away, and if you haven't yet registered, we hope you will join us on Saturday! To register, [click here](#).

Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 9am-2pm
Breakthrough FamilyPlex, 3219 W Carroll Ave, Chicago, IL 60624
Registration is \$20 per person payable online or on-site.

Your registration includes two workshops, the panel discussion, breakfast and lunch, seed exchange, door prizes, exhibitors and vendors, and this eco-friendly conference bag that folds into a pouch!



“Gardeners Grow Communities” is not just a topic; it’s our goal!

Bring your voice to the table!

This year, a panel drawn from our workshop presenters wants to hear from you about your community garden. Bring your questions to our panel, we'll facilitate a dialogue, and as gardeners, let's create stronger communities together!

DIY Season Extension for the Community Garden

Zach Grant, a local foods and small farms educator with University of Illinois Extension will explore the concepts and techniques of using season extension cultural methods and structures to prolong your growing season.

Get Your Green On! Tips for Growing Natural, Vibrant Gardens

Ryan Anderson and Ruth Kerzee, of Midwest Pesticide Action Center will equip gardeners with action-oriented resources for maintaining resilient and vibrant vegetation without synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. In an hour, they will immerse participants in three informal, interactive games that cover critical aspects of a systemic and effective garden.

Community Gardens as Multi-Issue Community Organizing Hubs

Viviana Moreno and Fermin Meza, of Semillas de Justicia Community Garden will encourage community garden coordinators, master gardeners, and volunteers to expand the use of their gardens so that community members can organize around several issues at the local neighborhood level.

Basic Vegetable Gardening

Nancy Kreith, a Cook County Extension Horticulture Educator will focus on learning the basics for soil preparation, direct seeding, transplanting and harvesting vegetables at the proper time, along with after planting care.

The Growing Classroom

Kimberly George, of Chicago Youth Centers, will join with her youth garden members to share with us the benefits and multiple purposes of youth gardens from a kid's point of view.

Compost Magic

Breanne Heath, of Peterson Garden Project will show you how to transform your compost pile (or worm bin) from a sad pile of dead plants to one of the most valuable amendments for your garden.

Let's keep growing using the power of community! See you on Saturday!

For conference details, visit <http://chicagocommunitygardens.org/ccga-goals/ccga-annual-meeting/>

There are lockers available during the conference. If you'd like to store your belongings, please remember to bring your own small padlock.

Have ideas, suggestions or news you would like to share with fellow community gardeners in the next CCGA email? Please send those items to communications@chicagocommunitygardens.org.

For questions about CCGA and how to get involved, email membership@chicagocommunitygardens.org or visit chicagocommunitygardens.org/ccga-organization

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