

Organic Home Gardening Workshops at Beaver Brook Nature Center, Hollis NH  
March-April 2016

Instructor Ron Christie is passionate about teaching people how to grow their own nutritious organic food for better health and well-being. He is an avid four-season grower and loves sharing his experiences as a gardener and farmer. He runs Living Earth Farm, a certified organic vegetable and fruit micro-farm in Brookline, NH.

**Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> -- Vegetable & Fruit Garden Planning (7 to 9 PM):** Improve the function of your garden while increasing yields, lowering costs and reducing your workload. We will talk about garden location & layout, seeds, plants, equipment & supplies, harvest, storage, and so much more.

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - Healthy Soil for Happy Plants (9 AM to 3 PM):** Feed your soil to feed your plants. Create healthy soil to improve yields and the nutritional quality of your fruit and vegetables while reducing pests and diseases in your garden. Learn some simple steps to better manage the nutrients in your soil. Benefit from lower costs while improving the environment. Bring your soil tests and we'll take a peek.

**Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - Starting Plants from Seeds (7 to 9 PM):** Starting plants from seeds is a great way to grow your favorite vegetables and save money at the same time. Join us for this fun, hands-on workshop and learn some tips and techniques to get your plants off to a healthy start.

**Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> - Container and Raised Bed Gardening (7 to 9 PM):** Growing fruits and veggies in containers is a great way to save space and improve the efficiency of your garden. We'll show you all the tricks to growing healthy, bountiful plants in small spaces.

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – How Do You Like Them Apples (9 AM to 3 PM):** Growing organic apples in New Hampshire is a real challenge. We will talk about all aspects of starting and maintaining organic apple trees. We'll even show you the nifty apple protection system employed at Living Earth Farm.

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - A Fungus Among Us (7 to 9 PM):** Do you have sickly plants or tons of gnarly weeds in your garden? Let us provide you with strategies and solutions to reduce diseases and manage weed pressures in your garden.

**Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - The Good, The Bad & The Ugly (7 to 9 PM):** Squash bugs and potato beetles. Mice and ground hogs. Deer, bear, DRAGONS! They're all in my garden! Learn how to attract and keep the good guys around while scaring the bad guys away.

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Berries, Berries and More Berries (9 AM to 3 PM):** Blueberries, raspberries and strawberries are delicious, nutritious and easy to grow. We will cover all aspects of growing berries including soil & fertility, variety selection, pests & diseases, and pruning techniques.

**Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – A Four Season Harvest (7 to 9 PM):** Yes! You can harvest fresh veggies all year long, even in New Hampshire! Learn the strategies and techniques for year-round vegetable production. We will even show you how to build an inexpensive greenhouse.

**Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Growing Your Favorite Veggies (7 to 9 PM):** Beans, beans the magical fruit... Carrots and onions, cucumber and squash, lettuce, broccoli, spinach; they are all magical! We'll show you some nifty tricks for greater success and improved yields.

**Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Great Tasting Tomatoes (7 to 9 PM):** My kingdom for a great tasting tomato! Whether you have one tomato plant or one hundred, this is the workshop for you. Learn how to grow nutritious, great tasting tomatoes.

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Farm Visit (1 to 3 PM):** Tour Living Earth Farm, a certified organic micro-farm in Brookline, NH, to see how we put all of these principles into practice.

Register on line by visiting: <http://www.beaverbrook.org/>

\$10 for individual weeknight workshops & Saturday's farm visit.

\$20 for Saturday all-day workshops (BYO lunch). 10% off for all BBA Members.

\$125 for all 12 workshops.

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