



Cultivating Community in School Gardens

Mass Hort's Second Annual School Gardens Conference

February 19, 2016 · 8 am - 4 pm · The Gardens at Elm Bank, Wellesley, MA
900 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA 02482

8:00-8:30	Registration, morning refreshments and networking
8:30-9:00	Introductory Comments (Mass Hort President, Katherine Macdonald and Director of Education, John Forti)
9:00-9:45	Keynote Address, "Cultivating Communities" by Liz Willis- O'Gilvie, Partners for a Healthier Community, Gardening the Community and PVGrows
9:45-10:00	Break, morning refreshments
10:00-11:00	Breakout Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefits of Garden-Based Education in Underserved Communities Laura Olivier of Groundwork Somerville Grace Sliwoski of YouthGROW Place Based Education and the Garden Susan Erickson of Weston Public Schools John Forti of Massachusetts Horticultural Society Steps to Establishing a School Garden Program Yola Cabrillana of Mass Master Gardeners Liz O'Gilvie of Gardening the Community Jessica Van Steensburg of Just Roots Tour of the Natick Community Organic Farm Natick Community Organic Farm Staff
11:15-12:15	Breakout Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connecting Garden to Cafeteria & Edible Education Lisa Damon of Massachusetts Farm to School Simca Horowitz of Massachusetts Farm to School Funding for School Gardens Danielle Fleury of USDA Karyn Novakowski of Somerville Public Schools Val Snowdon of Mill City Grows Independent Management for School Gardens Hope Guardenier of School Sprouts Jane Hirshi of City Sprouts Seed Saving for Kids Aileen Bellwood of Somerville Community Growing Center Sonja Johanson of Mass Master Gardeners
12:15-1:00	Lunch and networking, Hunnewell
1:00-1:20	School Garden Summit Summary (Andrew Nowak, Slow Food)
1:30-2:30	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Ideas for School Gardens Alicia Cianciola of Community Harvest Project Lauren Howe and Andy Nowak of Slow Food USA Ecologically Mindful Garden Planning Hannah Traggis of Massachusetts Horticultural Society Green Team and Composting: Indoor and Outdoor Methods Ann McGovern of Mass DEP * If interested, please bring a 14 gal (or larger) plastic tote, Ann will help you convert this into a working worm-compost bin. Worms provided Mass Ag in the Classroom Bobbi Oles of MAC Marian Hazzard of MAC
2:45-3:45	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seed to Stomach: Ecologically mindful garden planning Seth Bernier and Peter Hinrichs of Learning Prep STEM Education for Gardens Kelly Hartnett of SHED Children's Campus Jon Belber and Janice McPhillips at Holly Hill Farm Summit Open Space Forum Tour of Natick Community Organic Farm Natick Community Organic Farm Staff
3:45-4:00	Closing Remarks

*Details Subject to Change