



SPRING 2023

Growing in the City

Gardening & Farming

Gardening in Small Spaces: Palenke Greens Sack Gardens

Palenke Greens are small-scale vertical gardens that use an African technology of burlap sack gardens. In this workshop, you will learn this affordable and accessible gardening technique to be able to produce fresh veggies in small spaces.

Location: Summit Allotment Garden, 955 Hillside Ave.

Instructor: Ariel Reyes, lyé Creative

Apr 29 Sat 1-3 p.m. Free [35392](#)

Secrets of the Soil

The true key to garden success is healthy soil. This class will explore how to build organic matter and increase microbial activity to create a living, thriving soil and produce nutrient dense food, disease resistant plants and happy gardeners. You'll leave this workshop with an understanding of how to easily source affordable materials to increase your soil health and productivity.

Location: Orca Gardens, 190 Bay St.

Instructor: Kayla Siefried, Compost Education Centre

Apr 27 Thu 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$10/1 [35394](#)

CANCELLATIONS

If you can no longer attend a workshop you are registered for, please provide 72-hours' notice to receive a full refund. Call 250-361-0732 to cancel, or for any registration-related questions.

Growing Backyard Berries

Berries are an excellent choice for backyard gardeners, from popular strawberries and blueberries to unique gems like tayberries and thimbleberries it seems there's a berry for nearly everyone and every garden space! In this workshop you'll learn about selecting, planting, and caring for a variety of tasty berries suited to our region.

Location: Fairfield Community Garden, Robert Porter Park

Instructor: Solara Goldwynn, Hatchet & Seed

May 10 Wed 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$15/1 [35397](#)



Vic West Garden Tour

Join us for an inspiring walking tour of private and community food gardens in the Vic West neighbourhood. We'll visit a backyard homestead on a rental property, a new community allotment garden and a community commons. At each stop on the tour, you'll learn tips and techniques about growing plants in urban spaces and leave inspired and energized. Meeting point will be emailed to registered participants.

Location: various, Vic West

Instructor: Solara Goldwynn, Hatchet & Seed and Patti Parkhouse, Vic West Food Security Collective

Jun 10 Sat 10 a.m.-Noon. \$10/1 [35402](#)



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Tree Care

Fruit Tree Care

An introductory workshop on fruit tree care throughout the year. Following a seasonal schedule, we will outline the tasks that can be done to enhance the health, beauty and productivity of fruit trees. Topics covered will include when to prune, fertility, soil management and common pests and diseases.

Location: Fernwood NRG, 1240 Gladstone Ave.

Instructor: Tim Fryatt, LifeCycles Project Society

May 6 Sat 1-3 p.m. \$15/1 [35393](#)

Food & Nutrition

A Palenke Experience: Collard Greens from Seed to Spoon

Collard greens are a new addition to our Get Growing, Victoria! program this year. This amazing vegetable is closely related to kale, grows well in our climate, and is used in cuisines around the world as a flavourful, hearty addition to many dishes. Join us for this incredible workshop where we learn about collard greens from seed to spoon. We'll visit the Royal Roads Giving Garden to harvest and plant, then head to a local kitchen to cook together. A great opportunity to connect with other food and garden enthusiasts.

Location: Departing from Crystal Pool, 2275 Quadra St.

Instructor: Solara Goldwynn, Hatchet & Seed and Anna Maria Stone, Iyé Creative

Jun 17 Sat 12:30-6 p.m. \$35/1 [35399](#)

Get Growing, Victoria!



Get Growing, Victoria! is a City of Victoria program that provides free food seedlings and soil building materials to residents, with a priority to support underserved communities. The seedlings are grown in the City nursery in Beacon Hill Park and distributed through partnerships with community organizations across Victoria. To find out more about what plants and materials are distributed and where, as well as information about eligibility, head to victoria.ca/getgrowing

As part of this program, free educational resources are offered at each Neighbourhood Distribution Day to help people learn how to take care of their plants and grow healthy food! This year, we're also pleased to host two free workshops in partnership with the Compost Education Centre and FED Urban Agriculture.

Grow Your Own Food

An introductory class to start growing your own fresh produce, with a focus on Get Growing, Victoria! plants and materials.

Instructor: Kayla Siefried, Compost Education Centre

Jun 7 Wed 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free [ONLINE](#)

Container Gardening

In this class, beginner gardeners will learn how to successfully grow vegetables in containers or pots. This is a great technique if you have a balcony, patio, or rooftop you'd like to make better use of.

Head to victoria.ca/getgrowing for more information.



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