

# GARDENING MATTERS

WINTER 2012

## From the Big Apple to the Minne-Apple

Surely, you've heard the comparisons between the Twin Cities (the "Minne-Apple") and New York City (the "Big Apple"). The Twin Cities boasts the second-most theater seats per capita, second only to New York City. Similarly, our parks, our nightlife, and our foodie scene have all been compared as a mini-version of the bustling Big City on the East Coast.

When it comes to gardening, the Twin Cities' community garden scene is anything but "mini," with over 300 community gardens in the metro area! Here, gardeners can relate to New York's struggle for land access, to advocating better public policies that truly sustain community gardens, and to the tough work of creating solidarity among various communities to accomplish common goals.

This year, we are proud to welcome our Community Garden Spring Resource Fair keynote

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## 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL community garden resource

# fair

## Nourishing Neighborhoods, Connecting Communities

**Sat. March 31**  
**9:00am - 4:30pm**

**Neighborhood House**  
**179 Robie St, St. Paul**

**\$5-10 suggested at door**

### PRESENTING SPONSOR



For the health of all.

Blue Cross is pleased to sponsor the Gardening Matters Spring Resource Fair in recognition of the vital role of community gardening and urban farming in achieving a healthier food system for Minnesota. Healthy eating, along with physical activity, is key to preventing obesity, a leading risk factor for many chronic diseases and health conditions. Blue Cross' work to curb obesity includes building a network of cross-sector professionals and advocates working to improve access to healthy food across the state, along with funding eight Healthy Eating Minnesota organizations. These efforts are part of Blue Cross' long-term commitment to tackle preventable heart disease and cancers by addressing their root causes: tobacco use, physical inactivity and unhealthy eating.

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# 2012 COMMUNITY GARDEN SPRING RESOURCE FAIR

Saturday, March 31st, 9:00am - 4:30pm • Neighborhood House, 179 Robie St., St. Paul

## 9:00-9:30am: Registration and Breakfast

## 9:30am: Opening and Welcome

Spoken Word: Louis Alemayehu, EJAM  
Emcee: Melvin Giles, Peacemaker

## 9:45-10:30am: Keynote Address

*Community Gardens: Nourishing Neighborhoods, Connecting Communities*  
Karen Washington, New York City Community Garden Coalition

## 10:30-11:30am: Panel, What's Growin' in the Twin Cities!

*Panelists discuss how community gardens have helped create solidarity in their communities as a local response to Karen Washington's keynote. Discussion, with audience participation, included!*

- Mustafa Sundiata, Northpoint Health and Wellness, and Local Food Resource Hubs
- Youth from Gordon Parks High School Gardens
- Organizers from the West Side Community Organization
- Gardeners from the Int'l Outreach Church, Burnsville
- Members from Afro-Eco

*The keynote speech and morning panel will be interpreted in Spanish and Hmong.*

## 11:40am-Noon: Traditional Aztec Dance

*Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli Aztec Dancers*  
A group of families that are committed to sharing the philosophy, dance, drum and songs of the Mexica (Aztec) traditions.

## Noon-1:00pm: Lunch and Networking

Lunch available for purchase from El Burrito Mercado

## 1:00-4:30pm Minnesota Green Seed Pick-Up

The Minnesota Green seed pick-up is for registered members of Minnesota Green, a program of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. By becoming a member (\$55 fee), your public garden can receive many donated plants and seeds from generous donors. Please call to sign up for a time to pick up your seeds, by March 20th. Vicky Vogels 651-643-3601, ext. 211.

Thanks to our local, non-profit partner Eureka Recycling for making the Spring Resource Fair a zero-waste event! All discards generated at the event will be either recycled or composted, greatly reducing our environmental impact and making dirt, not waste!



## PREREGISTER ONLINE!

*Please pre-register online to help us get everyone through the doors faster! [www.gardeningmatters.org](http://www.gardeningmatters.org)  
Keynote starts promptly at 9:30am, doors open at 9:00am.  
Check website for possible changes to workshop times.*

## 1:00-2:30pm: Workshop Session #1

- Food + Justice = Democracy
- Food Swaps & Co-ops: Organizing in Your Neighborhood
- Urban Soil Contamination: Don't Eat the Dirt!
- Engaging Youth in the Garden
- Food Policy in the Twin Cities
- Beyond Canning: Freezing, Dehydrating, Fermenting, Root Cellaring

## 3:00-4:30pm: Workshop Session #2

- Strategies for Long-Term Land Access
- Growing Gardens in Small Spaces
- Growing Food, Health and Vitality in the Latino Community (En Espanol!)
- Growing Hunger, Growing Answers
- Composting: Creating Black Gold
- Getting Started with Bees or Chickens

## 5:00-6:30pm: Informal Happy Hour

Location to be announced.

*We need event volunteers! Sign up online!*



## EXHIBITORS

EXHIBITOR TABLES OPEN  
FROM 11AM-4PM.

Afro-Eco

Carpenter Meets Gardener

Community Design Ctr. of MN

EJAM

Friends School Plant Sale

Frogtown Gardens

Fruits of the City

Hennepin County  
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## 1:00 - 2:30 PM Workshop Session #1

### Food + Justice = Democracy

*LaDonna Redmond, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy*

The personal and historical traumas of people of color and indigenous people affect the way that we are able to effectively work together in multicultural alliances in the community garden and greater food movement. Using narrative as a way of witnessing and healing from personal and historical trauma related to food injustice, participants will gain a deeper understanding of our connection to these traumas, and reflect on what it will take to have truly meaningful change in our food system.

### Engaging Youth in the Garden

*Ben Masters, Redeemer Center for Life*

*Ann Beuch, Blake Road Corridor Collaborative, Cottageville Park Neighborhood Garden*

*Tyler Berres, Youth Farms and Market Project's West Side Program Director*

Do you and your fellow gardeners want to involve youth in your community garden, but are unsure of how to reach out and keep the youth engaged? This panel will feature three individuals who work with youth in garden settings. Workshop attendees will have the opportunity to listen to the panelists' experience, participate in a Q&A and discussion, and walk away with concrete strategies to implement in their own gardens.

### Beyond Canning: Creative Ways to Preserve the Harvest

*Russ Henry, Jeremy and Aimee McAdams,  
and Michelle Horowitz, Food Preservers*

How do you preserve your harvest? Canning is trendy these days, but there are many other ways to enjoy homegrown fruits and veggies all year long. Learn about fermentation, freezing, dehydration, root cellars, and building your own underground walk-in cooler. Various types of equipment will be shown in the teaching kitchen!



### Food Swaps and Co-ops

*Organizers of Food Swap and Co-op Models in the Twin Cities*

Food Swaps and Co-ops are great, creative ways to share food and resources. Learn about the benefits and challenges of starting your own Food Swap (where people get together to trade food they prepared or grew) or Co-op (where groups of people pool their time, skills, work, or money to leverage resources and benefit everyone).

### Don't Eat the Dirt!

*Gilbert Gabanski, Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services – Contaminated Lands Unit*

The possible presence of contaminants in soil at your garden should not prevent you from gardening in your back yard or at a community garden. This workshop will cover the myths and facts of soil contamination for gardeners, as well as a broad overview of risks, soil testing resources, and case studies from metro area gardens. Come with your questions!

### Planning to Eat: Twin Cities Food Policy Councils

*Representatives from the Minneapolis Food Policy Council  
& St. Paul/Ramsey County Food and Nutrition Commission*

On both sides of the river, citizens are leading efforts to craft local policies that support healthy eating. This includes removing barriers and creating supports for expanded gardening and urban farming. Learn more about the work of the newly-formed Minneapolis Food Policy Council and the St. Paul-Ramsey County Food and Nutrition Commission, and share your thoughts on what cities can do to support growing local, healthy food in our urban area! Bring your ideas and your policy questions!

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## Workshop Session #2 3:00 - 4:30PM

### Growing Hunger, Growing Answers

*Jennifer Schultz, Little Kitchen Food Shelf*

*Lisa Horn, Garden to Table at Eagan Resource Center*

*Representative from Neighbors Connection for Action in Phillips*

Community gardening provides abundant opportunities for addressing hunger issues locally. Though their work in organizing focused neighborhood-wide conversations, facilitating gleaning networks, gardening, and food education, panelists will share their unique approaches to local hunger issues. Prepare to be inspired and motivated!

### Chickens and Bees for Beginners

*Farmer Don Oberdorfer, Dodge Nature Center*

*Kristy Allen, BeezKnees and Dustin Vanasse, Bare Honey*

How do you get started with bees or chickens? Learn more about the equipment, commitment, and resources to keep bees or chickens. Farmer Don will talk about the basics of keeping chickens; BeezKnees and Bare Honey will discuss backyard bee-keeping and share an excited project that places beehives in community gardens. Bring your questions!

### Composting: Creating "Black Gold" For the Garden

*Neil Cunningham, Green Noise LLC*

*Patsy Parker, The Compostadores*

*Stephen Sewell, Eleanor Graham Community Garden*

All too often, composting for the garden goes by the wayside because it is seen as complicated or confusing. Our three panelists will show that notion is just a pile of rubbish! They will present their own initiatives in the composting realm, with tips to emulate in your own garden. Eleanor Graham gardeners will present their time-tested solution for gardener teamwork and efficient pile maintenance, the Compostadores will explain their methods of community-based composting in with local businesses and youth on bicycles, and Neil Cunningham will share insights about the process and products of composting with worms.

### Strategies for Land Access

*Karen Washington, NYC Community Garden Coalition*

New York City presents big challenges in land access for community gardens and urban farms, making solidarity and strong advocacy among gardeners essential. Although New York certainly boasts more skyscrapers, the Twin Cities has similar challenges of land access. In 2010, a key agreement protecting community gardens expired, and many community gardens were under threat of losing their land. The NYCCGC played the lead role in organizing gardeners and communities to advocate for policies and protections of community garden land. Karen will discuss New York's key strategies in securing land for urban agriculture.

### Growing Abundantly in Small Spaces

*Courtney Tchida, University of MN Student Farm Manager  
and PRI Cold Climate Instructor*

Yes, you can grow a lot, even in a small gardening space! Learn tested tips for growing more food, saving money, and eating well. Maximize your harvest with good early planning, the right planting techniques, the right varieties of plants, efficient design, and easy season extenders. Get more into – and out of – your vegetable garden!

### Growing Food, Health and Vitality in the Latino Community

*Deborah Ramos, Zenteotl Project*

*Reginaldo Haslett-Marroquin, Rural Enterprise Center*

Latino community leaders share their projects working to grow food justice in their community. The Rural Enterprise Center has created an innovative, scalable small-scale approach to farming, focused on creating economic opportunities for rural Latino families in the Northfield area. The Zenteotl Project unites art, traditional Mexican dance, and gardening for the health and well-being of the community in South Minneapolis. (En español)

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## Keeping Nutrients in the Neighborhood!

The Compostadores are planning to officially unveil a Demonstration Project this spring to create healthy soil in nearby community gardens. Through a partnership with the City of Minneapolis and support from a special permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Gardening Matters is focusing on utilizing local resources and keeping the nutrients in the neighborhood.



The Compostadores have been working with gardens and businesses for several years and are thrilled to be scaling up the amount of compost available to gardens directly in the city. Compostadores will be composting at four sites in North and South Minneapolis, supporting progressive legislative policy around compost. With an emphasis on sustainability and community engagement, Compostadores will be doing bicycle pick-ups on hefty trailers from local coffee shops, restaurants and co-ops. The bikers will be taking this organic food waste to local community gardens to make compost and grow healthy food. Compostadores will lead workshops for compost education, and closely monitor the compost piles to ensure safe and odor-free practices.

Interested in compost? Volunteers will be needed to build bins, create art and to participate in Neighborhood Compost Teams. If you'd like to join in the healthy soil movement, contact [Rebecca@gardeningmatters.org](mailto:Rebecca@gardeningmatters.org).

## Land Access Efforts Move Forward

Gardening Matters is excited to work with the City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT) to expand land access and land security for community gardens and urban agriculture. The ultimate goal is the creation of a Twin Cities Agricultural Land Trust, a collaboration of multiple organizations that will purchase, own, and lease land and support community ownership of land, by making it more available and affordable for a variety of agricultural purposes. Read more about the developing land access work online!

## Garden Funding Landscape Changes

Over the past two years, the Dakota County, Hennepin County, and Bloomington-Edina-Richfield health departments have partnered with Gardening Matters to offer funds for new or expanded community gardens. These public funds were part of the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP), funding that comes from the Minnesota Department of Health and is used to support interventions that reduce obesity, tobacco use and the incidence and cost of related chronic disease. These grants provided important monies for garden infrastructure, like water supply, tool storage, raised bed materials, and compost.

As a result of this funding, in 2011 alone, 23 gardens were created or expanded; 861 new gardeners were recruited to garden in these gardens; approximately 25,000 lbs of food was donated from these gardens. Food shelves count each lb of food worth \$1. This means \$25,000 worth of fresh produce was donated as a result of these gardens in one year alone. And, much more produce was actually consumed by the gardeners. This is a great return on investment!

Unfortunately, with the cuts to our state budget, SHIP funding was cut significantly and gardens are not currently part of the program. However, YOU can let your state legislator know that you support continued funding for important programs like SHIP and community gardens as a way to improve healthy eating.

Though this funding for garden infrastructure is not currently available, Gardening Matters continues to support new or expanded gardens through our community organizing and start-up training. We also maintain a page on our website for funding opportunities. Please check that page often and let us know what your needs are. When we hear from gardens, we are able to be a better advocate for you and come up with creative solutions together!

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Thanks to everyone making Local Food Resource Hubs happen!

Our deep appreciation to Facing Race Initiative and Rozwat Shiphandler for the trainings staff and board are going through in learning how to have new conversations about race and white privilege.

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from New York City, Ms. Karen Washington, to share her wisdom about working in solidarity to ensure a stronger garden community that builds a more just food system.



## Meet Karen Washington

Karen Washington knows the power of community gardens to nourish neighborhoods and connect communities. She's been working as an advocate and an organizer of community gardens for over 20 years. And as a member of Garden of Happiness and President of the NYC Community Garden Coalition, she witnesses the power of multicultural communities working together every day. As the president of the New York City Community Garden Coalition, she works toward her organization's mission of promoting "the preservation, creation, and empowerment of community gardens through education, advocacy, and grassroots organizing."

She is a strong believer in the connection between food and greater social justice issues. Ms. Washington is on the board of Just Food, a non-profit organization whose efforts is promoting a holistic approach to food, hunger, and agriculture issues. She leads workshops on food growing and food justice for community gardeners all over the city. As a member of La Familia Verde Garden Coalition, she launched City Farms Market, bringing garden fresh vegetables to her neighbors. As an urban farmer, Karen Washington strives to grow and promote healthy and sustainable food that nourishes both the bodies and minds of her growing community.

According to Karen, "To grow your own food gives you power and dignity. You know exactly what you're eating because you grew it. It's good, it's nourishing and you did this for yourself, your family and your community."

In New York and in the Twin Cities, community gardeners believe that we can do more together than we can do alone, working together within and across communities to unite behind a single issue — to create a fair food system that truly nourishes our neighborhoods, and connects communities, rather than divides them.

## Twin Cities Projects

After Karen Washington's much-anticipated keynote address, representatives from several local projects will discuss how their community garden projects are creating solidarity and empowering communities in the Twin Cities. We'll have the chance for lively conversation, including audience participation!



# Local Food Resource Hubs



A Hub is a community-based network of residents, organizations, and businesses supporting each other to grow, cook, preserve, and compost their own fresh produce. Hubs make communities healthier by connecting neighbors and increasing access to healthy food.

The first year of the Hubs program was a great success! Preparation for the Hubs began over two years ago after consulting with the Greening of Detroit on their successful Clusters project. Many residents and community partners poured their energy into creating local food resource hubs, in partnership with Gardening Matters and the City of Minneapolis and launched the Local Food Resource Hubs program in spring 2011 with three Hubs: North Minneapolis, South Minneapolis, and the Phillips Neighborhood. After a successful pilot year, we're using feedback from members to improve the program and gear up for year two – spring is just around the corner!

We are pleased to announce that two new Hubs will be added to the program in 2012: NE/SE Minneapolis, and the Midway area of St. Paul. Check out the Hubs page on our website to see what it takes to start a Hub in your neighborhood!



## Some accomplishments from the first year:

- More than 600 members joined their local Hub
- Over 13,000 seed packets and 15,000 seedlings were distributed at two Distribution Days (despite terrible weather!)
- Developed a strong group of leaders at each Hub
- Thirty Hub members spent an evening eating, sharing gardening tips, and packing extra seeds
- Many classes were offered, including seed starting, composting, a beginning gardening series, and canning
- Almost 100 Hub members gathered in October to share their experiences and give feedback on the program

▶ *Membership sign-up for current hubs and a complete calendar of events are available online now!*

## Hubs Fundraiser to Support the Scholarship Fund

We are proud to offer scholarships to make the Hubs program accessible to anyone who wants to grow their own healthy food. We want to offer as many scholarships as needed, and you can help! Assist people in your community get the resources they need to grow their own fresh produce by joining us at our first Hubs Fundraiser. There will be live music, food, massages, crafts for kids, and a raffle with great prizes from local businesses. Please come to enjoy these activities and support the program! **March 3, 11:00am-3:00pm, location TBA. Check the website for more details.**



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## Cowern Garden, the First of Many

By Cheryl Gysbers  
Independent School District 622

Last summer new life "sprouted" in the Cowern Habitat and Orchard area after sitting idle for nearly a decade. District 622 Community Education established a community garden on the site adjacent to Cowern Elementary in North St. Paul.

Cowern Garden consists of 23 individual/family plots, a 2000 sq. ft. community plot, three perennial gardens, a small orchard and an outdoor classroom area. The focus of the community plot is service. The produce that the gardeners of this plot planted and tended together was donated to the North St Paul Food Shelf.

The site serves as an outdoor classroom to support student learning. An information kiosk, compost enclosure and garbage can surround were built as an Eagle Scout project. Special Education students age 18 – 21 and their teacher tended an individual plot. Gardening classes were held and lots of green thumb tips and recipes were shared "across the rows".

The success of the Cowern Garden has prompted Community Education to establish additional gardens at Carver Elementary and Harmony Learning Center for the 2012 season. Carver Garden will consist of one large plot that gardeners and youth will plant and tend together and then share the harvest. A portion of this harvest will be donated locally.

Harmony Garden will be an intergenerational/intercultural garden containing individual plots, and a community plot. Students enrolled in the English Language Learner (ELL) program will plant Minnesota crops plus crops native to the thirty-seven countries they represent. Garden activities will be incorporated into the curriculum for the high school Alternative Learning Center (ALC) giving students experiential learning opportunities as they garden alongside the ELL program students in the community plot.

Community Education's long range plan is to establish a garden at every school site in the district. "Watch us grow" at [www.isd622.org/communitygarden](http://www.isd622.org/communitygarden)

## Celebrating Gardens: Community Garden Day

Saturday, August 11, 2012 is Community Garden Day, when community gardens throughout Minnesota host tours for the public in celebration! Interested in hosting a community garden event in collaboration with other community gardens in your area? We'll help connect you with gardens in your region, coordinate a regional sponsor, and assist in communications about the day. The deadline to register your community garden celebration is May 1, 2012. Someone from each garden must attend several planning meetings from May-August. For more information, contact Margaret at [margaret@gardeningmatters.org](mailto:margaret@gardeningmatters.org). Register online and find more info at [www.gardeningmatters.org/events/cgd2012](http://www.gardeningmatters.org/events/cgd2012)

## Goodbye and Hello!

Gardening Matters welcomes Kara Rud, Vince Ferguson, Heather Albrecht and Laura Fickes as spring interns. We also say good-bye to John Brosnan, who has been working steadily on the Urban Agriculture Alliance. We thank John for his great work, and we wish him well in his new adventure working as a Program Associate at the Minnesota Land Trust! And farewell to Kelsey Barale, our Greencorps member for the past two years, who is now a grad student at UC-Davis. We miss her!

# CALENDAR

## Mark Your April Calendar: Community Leadership Training!

Do you want to help your garden be more successful? Join us for this essential 2-day, hands-on community garden leadership workshop! At the workshop, participants will learn about working with different cultures, fostering democratic decision-making in the garden, recruiting gardeners and community support for the garden, and making the community garden an asset to the surrounding community.

Cost is \$75 per person and scholarships are available. Register online or find more info at [www.gardeningmatters.org](http://www.gardeningmatters.org).

**SAT. MAR. 31** **Community Garden  
Spring Resource Fair**  
“Nourishing Neighborhoods, Connecting Communities”  
Keynote speaker, garden workshops, exhibitors,  
demonstrations, and more!

**APR. 21-22** **“Growing Communities”  
Leadership and Organizing Training**  
Learn principles of sustainable, shared leadership  
and successful community garden organizing  
at this in-depth training.

**SAT. AUG. 11** **Community Garden Day**  
Host or attend an event in community gardens across MN!

Gardening Matters also offers “How to Start a Community Garden” workshop to interested groups – please contact us to schedule YOUR group’s workshop!

*Find more information and register for events on our website: [www.gardeningmatters.org](http://www.gardeningmatters.org)*