Interested in Gardening or Farming in the City? Join Us!

FREE Urban Farming Classes!

Urban Farming classes will be held at Iron Roots Urban Farm, and are FREE! The classes are designed to assist local growers, urban farmers, and home gardeners with the tools needed to enhance their current and or future projects. Come out, network, learn and grow! Classes will be held indoors and outdoors and may include hands-on demonstrations. Please dress accordingly, including boots and gloves when appropriate.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00PM in the HMHP Foundation Demonstration Kitchen (with the exception of October 21st, please see below) located at 822 Billingsgate Avenue in Youngstown.

An RSVP is strongly recommended. Please contact Liberty Merrill at 330.480.0423 or lmerrill@yndc.org to pre-register. Classes are FREE and open to the public!

<u>July 29: Fresh Cut Fall Flowers for Market</u>—Barbara Delisio is an OSU Master Gardener who specializes in growing herbs and flowers. She will teach students what flowers are best for a late season to grow and sell for market.

<u>August 12: Create Your Own Soil and Potting Mix</u>—Fred Shepherd will show how to use potting and soil mixes for ultimate yields and discuss proportions and soil types.

<u>August 26: Grow Produce Using Different Growing Mediums</u>—Katie Phibbs of the Lettuce People will teach students about growing in nontraditional mediums including Biochar, Rockwool, Expanded Clay, and more.

<u>September 9: Seed Saving, How and Why</u>—Jay Coy of Jackson Maters is a plant lover, tomato addict, and organic grower. Jay will share how he has been collecting, saving, and experimenting with heirloom seeds for over 10 years. The class will include hands-on demonstrations.

<u>September 16: Season Extension</u>—Liberty Merrill of YNDC will discuss Season Extension methods, from mulch and row cover to hoophouses and greenhouses.

October 7: Winter Crop Storage—YNDC will teach and lead a discussion about different methods of storing crops for winter use and market, including overwintering in the ground, root cellars, and storage methods for different vegetables.

October 21: Fruit Tree Pruning and Care—Eric Barrett of Ohio State University Extension will teach his always-popular class about fruit tree selection, pruning, and care.

*This class will be held at the Sherwood Community Garden, located at 908 Sherwood Avenue.**

