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Seattle Tilth inspires and educates people to safeguard our natural resources while building an equitable and sustainable local food system.

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Adult and Kids Education
We have been teaching people of all ages to grow food organically for 36 years. Read this booklet to learn about our upcoming classes for adults and kids camps and school tours.

Become a Member
Members receive discounts on classes, invitation to members-only events, our bi-monthly print newsletter and a vote for Seattle Tilth’s Board of Directors. Look for member pricing on each class.

Lend a Hand, Volunteer
Our volunteer program attracted 1,700 people last year and dedicated volunteers and interns play an essential role in helping Seattle Tilth accomplish our mission. Consider volunteering in our gardens and farms, events, classes, camps and office!

Visit Our Learning Gardens & Farms
Seattle Tilth maintains community learning gardens and farms in north, central and south Seattle, Auburn and Issaquah. We demonstrate innovative organic agriculture techniques and offer hands-on learning experiences. Several sites are open for self-guided tours; see map on back page.

Gain Farm-to-Market Skills
Learn to farm with us! Homeless and underserved youth learn job and leadership skills through Seattle Youth Garden Works, an urban agriculture youth employment program. Immigrants, refugees and low-income individuals develop small farming businesses through Seattle Tilth Farm Works.

Ask the Garden Hotline
Ask us your garden questions! The Garden Hotline offers individualized solutions to your garden problems.
(206) 633-0224 // help@gardenhotline.org

Be a Community Educator
Participate in free educational training in composting, recycling or water conservation, then provide community education on these topics as a volunteer natural resources ambassador.

Cook with Us
We bring people together to cook and share meals in their own neighborhoods – at schools, community centers and churches. Find out about about Community Kitchens Northwest on our website.

Build a Just & Secure Food System
Seattle Tilth is finding creative ways to address hunger and food security. Our Just Garden Program is building garden beds for low-income families in King County. At Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands, we are growing, sharing and eating fresh, healthy food with community members.

Support Our Work
Several of our programs do not generate income and require support from the community. Consider making a charitable contribution to help us offer our educational programs to people with limited financial resources.

Buy Our Produce
Seattle Tilth grew 38,000 pounds of food in 2013 and is growing more this year. We distribute it to the community through our CSA, farmers markets, food banks, subsidized Good Food Bags, various restaurants and grocery stores. Visit our website to learn more!
Veggie Gardening

Eating fresh veggies and herbs that you grow yourself is a thrill! Learn how to get the best results using organic methods — healthy for you and the environment.

Comprehensive Organic Gardener

• Four weeknight lectures and three weekend hands-on sessions, GSC
  Wednesdays, Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 7-9 p.m., Saturdays, Sept. 13, 20, 27; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Learn everything you need to know to create a bountiful urban garden in Seattle Tilth’s most extensive organic vegetable gardening course! This program is designed to give urban gardeners a complete introduction to the dynamic world of organic gardening and an opportunity to meet a growing community of fellow edible gardening enthusiasts. This intensive program emphasizes experiential, hands-on learning to present scientific and practical information. Basics concepts covered include building healthy soil, garden planning and crop rotation, methods for gardening year round, organic pest and disease control, water conservation and seed saving.

$275 INDIVIDUAL, $235 SEATTLE TILTH MEMBER

Save Seeds

• Thursday, Sept. 4; 6-8 p.m., GSC

Harvest seeds from this year’s garden to plant in years to come! Saving seeds is an ancient tradition that can help you save money, be more self-sufficient, and join the global movement to preserve biodiversity. We will discuss the many benefits of seed saving, the science of pollination and the full process of seed saving including how to choose the best parent plants and the best way to store seeds.

$36 INDIVIDUALS, $25 SEATTLE TILTH MEMBERS, $54 HOUSEHOLD PRICE FOR TWO ADULTS.

Put Your Garden To Bed

• Saturday, Oct. 4; 10 a.m.-noon, GSC
  • Saturday, Oct. 18; 2-4 p.m., BGP

Prepare your garden for next year by improving your soil over the winter. Grab those last few days of sunshine and put your garden to bed! Soil building is an important component of organic gardening and the fall and winter are perfect times to add organic matter that will feed your plants throughout the year. We will discuss key components of the final harvest, how to test your soil, what cover crops to plant and different techniques for mulching. Leave with the knowledge and skills you need to protect your soil so it is ready to go next spring!

$36 INDIVIDUAL, $25 SEATTLE TILTH MEMBERS, $54 HOUSEHOLD PRICE FOR TWO ADULTS.

Composting 101

• Saturday, Oct. 18; 10 a.m.-noon, BGP
  • Saturday, Nov. 1; 10 a.m.-noon, GSC

Discover how easy it is to create nutrient-rich compost for your garden! Compost is fundamental to organic vegetable gardening and will improve and enliven any type of garden soil. This outdoor, hands-on class will show you how to create rich compost using food, livestock and yard waste. Learn what systems work best for you and how to find additional free sources of compostable material in the community. We will be building a hot compost pile in class, so dress for messy materials and get ready to make “black gold”!

$36 INDIVIDUALS, $25 SEATTLE TILTH MEMBERS, $54 HOUSEHOLD PRICE FOR TWO ADULTS.

City Chickens 101

• Saturday, Sept. 20; 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., GSC

Interested in tending a flock of your own? Find out exactly what it takes to keep chickens in the city so you can collect delicious eggs from your own backyard. This class is an introduction to caring for adult chickens, including chicken physiology, behavior, health and nutrition, and coop requirements. Learn the most important considerations in caring for a small flock of hens in a limited space and leave with the knowledge you need to start your own flock.

$40 INDIVIDUAL, $30 SEATTLE TILTH MEMBERS, $60 HOUSEHOLD PRICE FOR TWO ADULTS.

Backyard Beekeeping 101

• Saturday, Sept. 27; 10 a.m.-12 p.m., GSC

Winter is the perfect time to begin your spring hive to enjoy throughout the year. Honeybees are essential pollinators for your garden. Their honey is a delicious and valuable product you can harvest at home and share with your family and friends. Expert beekeeper Evan Sugden will cover the fundamentals of beekeeping, including equipment, parts of the hive, bee food, seasonal management, apiary location and city codes. Get ready to enjoy your own beehive and fascinating new hobby all year!

$36 INDIVIDUAL, $25 SEATTLE TILTH MEMBERS, $54 HOUSEHOLD PRICE FOR TWO ADULTS.

Urban Livestock

Taking care of animals and keeping them healthy requires knowledge and preparation. Take a class and gain a solid foundation. You will love the fresh, delicious, home-grown products and caring for your new friends!

Raise City Goats is FULL – check back in January!
Permaculture & Sustainable Landscapes
Create multi-functional, productive, healthy outdoor spaces.

Build Unique Raised Beds
• Saturday, Oct. 11; 2-5 p.m., GSC
Learn how to design and construct raised garden beds that can help you improve your soil and extend your harvest. We’ll discuss food-safe building materials and construction, soil building and intensive planting techniques. You will be introduced to various, from basic wood frames to straw bales and hugelkultur. Leave with the knowledge and skills you need to start a new garden or improve and expand your existing space.
$45 INDIVIDUAL, $35 SEATTLE TILTH MEMBERS, $68 HOUSEHOLD PRICE FOR TWO ADULTS.

Native Bees: Introduction and Field Study
• Saturday, Sept. 13; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., BGP
Native, non-honey bees pollinate over 80% of the world’s flowering plants and comprise 99.99% of the species diversity of bees. In this course, learn who these bees are, which ones might live in your backyard, and—with hands-on field study in the garden—how to identify them. Local experts Bob Redmond and Elias Bloom will temporarily capture native pollinators so that participants can get an up-close look at these important insects. Learn what you can do to conserve these valuable species, including what to plant and how to create hospitable environments. With your newfound “bee literacy,” you will never look at your garden—or any landscape—the same way again!
$45 INDIVIDUAL, $35 SEATTLE TILTH MEMBERS, $68 HOUSEHOLD PRICE FOR TWO ADULTS.

Urban Weeds & Wild Foods-Part 1: Identify and Harvest
• Saturday, Oct. 18; noon-2 p.m., GSC
Identify and gather some of our city’s most common and delicious edible weeds. Why fight the weeds in your lawn when you can eat them?! Join Front Yard Forager author Melany Vorass-Herrera and learn how to identify and gather some of the most common edible weeds and wild foods available in the city. This hands-on workshop includes discussion on gathering ethics, local rules and regulations, safety, and general information about how to cook with weeds. This is the first part of a two-part series. Be sure to take a look at “Urban Weeds and Wild Foods- Part 2: Preparing For Your Table” offered later in the afternoon for a hands-on cooking workshop, below.
$36 INDIVIDUAL, $25 SEATTLE TILTH MEMBERS, $54 HOUSEHOLD PRICE FOR TWO ADULTS.

Kitchen
Discover the full potential of your garden by learning new techniques to prepare and preserve your harvest.

Basic Canning 101
• Thursday, Sept. 11; 6:30-8:30 p.m., GSC
Preserve the bounty of the harvest by canning your own food! Learn everything you need to know to safely can fresh food at home. This class provides an introduction to water bath canning, including food safety, necessary equipment and expert tips. Learn the best types of food to preserve through canning and get a chance to experience the process in class. You’ll leave with the skills you need to can jams, tomatoes, chutneys, quick pickles and more. Enjoy the taste of your summer harvest all winter long! Cost of class includes supplies; you will take a small sample home.
$45 INDIVIDUAL, $35 SEATTLE TILTH MEMBERS, $68 HOUSEHOLD PRICE FOR TWO ADULTS.

Pickles and Fermentation
• Thursday, Sept. 18; 6:30-8:30 p.m., GSC
• Saturday, Oct. 11; 10 a.m.-12 p.m., GSC
Do you love pickles, sauerkraut or kim chee? Learn how to make your own delicious naturally preserved foods and make your summer harvest last throughout the year. This class covers the basics of food safety with different pickling methods. We will also discuss the differences between canning quick-packed pickles and fermenting them and the ingredients and equipment required for both of these preservation methods. You’ll get a chance to try out these methods together in class and take home tested recipes to use in your own kitchen. Cost of class includes supplies; you will take a small sample home.
$45 INDIVIDUAL, $35 SEATTLE TILTH MEMBERS, $68 HOUSEHOLD PRICE FOR TWO ADULTS.

Urban Weeds & Wild Foods-Part 2: Preparing For Your Table
• Saturday, Oct. 18; 2-4 p.m., GSC
Taste and cook some of our city’s most common and delicious edible weeds. Weeds are a common source of free food available for the picking. Many of our most common weeds hide huge amounts of nutrition in their tasty little leaves. Join Front Yard Forager author Melany Vorass-Herrera and learn how to cook some of the most common edible weeds and wild foods available in the city. In this hands-on cooking class we will prepare delicious dishes using weeds like dandelion, plantain, cat’s ear, nipplewort and shotweed. See also: Urban Weeds and Wild Foods- Part 1, above. Advance payment and registration required.
$45 INDIVIDUAL, $35 SEATTLE TILTH MEMBERS, $68 HOUSEHOLD PRICE FOR TWO ADULTS.

For more details and registration, visit seattletilth.org.
Garden Educator Workshops

Grow a garden with kids! Gardens are fantastic for fun learning activities with children.

The Garden Classroom
- Saturday, Oct. 25; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., GSC
Use the garden as a living classroom! Learn and practice outdoor teaching techniques and seasonal gardening activities. Bring your teaching to life with hands-on activities for children and other students in the garden. Fall is a great time to prepare for spring activities and winter lessons. Explore garden design, seasonal program planning, community engagement and how to develop a volunteer program. Teachers, treat yourself to a learning opportunity and receive clock hours in this fun and rewarding workshop. $60 INDIVIDUAL, $50 SEATTLE TILTH MEMBERS.

Schoolyards and Sustainability
- Saturday, Nov. 22; 10 a.m.-noon, GSC
Learn to integrate sustainability topics in both the classroom and garden. Learn about garden lessons and school activities that will help your students understand the interdependence of the planet. This workshop will provide tools to guide your students to reflect on the impacts of their actions, to practice responsibility for the community and help them feel empowered to make a difference. Topics will include cafeteria composting projects and teaching techniques that will bring the garden and natural world to life while inspiring environmental ethos. Teachers receive clock hours. $36 INDIVIDUAL, $25 SEATTLE TILTH MEMBERS.

Interested in a long-term educator at your school? Contact sharonsiehl@seattletilth.org.

Mobile Classroom
We will bring our garden curriculum to you! Fulfill science requirements and choose from these dynamic lessons:

- Grades PreK–5
  - Soil In A Box
  - Worms on Wheels
  - Use It or Lose It: Recycling
  - Mighty Arthropods

- Grades 6–12
  - Save our Watershed

For more information email melissadison@seattletilth.org.

Visit Our Gardens & Farms!

Bring your school and youth groups on an engaging educational tour.

Visit once for a unique field trip or several times to build upon agricultural and environmental concepts.
- GRADES PRE-K THROUGH 12, AGES 2–18, $6.50 PER CHILD OR ADULT, $100 MINIMUM.

Choose from two locations:

**NORTH SEATTLE**
Good Shepherd Center (GSC)
4649 Sunnyside Ave N, Seattle 98103

**SOUTH SEATTLE***
Rainier Beach Learning Garden (RBLG)
4800 S Henderson, Seattle 98118

*Rainier Valley schools and daycares may qualify for subsidized programs. Contact melissadison@seattletilth.org for details.

For more information visit: seattletilth.org.

Become a Seattle Tilth member and receive discounts on classes today!

BGP= Bradner Gardens Park
GSC= Good Shepherd Center
See map on back cover for addresses.
### Classes by Date

See website for full list and updates.

#### September

**Thursday, Sept. 4**
- Save Seeds
  6-8 p.m., GSC
- Planting For Wildlife
  6-8 p.m., BGP

**Wednesdays and Saturdays, Sept. 10–Oct. 1**
- Comprehensive Organic Gardener
  Wednesdays, 7–9 p.m. and, GSC
  Saturdays, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., GSC

**Thursday, Sept. 11**
- Basic Canning 101
  6:30-8:30 p.m., GSC

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- Native Bees: Introduction and Field Study
  10 a.m.–1 p.m., BGP

**Thursday, Sept. 18**
- Pickles and Fermentation
  6:30-8:30 p.m., GSC

**Saturday, Sept. 20**
- City Chickens 101
  10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., GSC

**Wednesday, Sept. 24**
- Pickles and Fermentation
  6-8 p.m., GSC

**Saturday, Sept. 27**
- Backyard Beekeeping 101
  10 a.m.-12 p.m., GSC
- Backyard Beekeeping 101
  10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., GSC

#### October

**Saturday, Oct. 4**
- Put Your Garden To Bed
  10 a.m.-noon, GSC

**Saturday, Oct. 11**
- Pickles and Fermentation
  10 a.m.-12 p.m., GSC
- Urban Weeds and Wild Foods- Part 1:
  Identify and Harvest
  noon-2 p.m., GSC
- Urban Weeds and Wild Foods- Part 2:
  Preparing For Your Table
  2-4 p.m., GSC

**Saturday, Oct. 18**
- Composting 101
  10 a.m.-noon, BGP
- Put Your Garden To Bed
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  Preparing For Your Table
  2-4 p.m., GSC

**Saturday, Oct. 25**
- Garden Educator Workshop:
  The Garden Classroom
  8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., GSC

#### November

**Saturday, Nov. 1**
- Composting 101
  10 a.m.-noon, GSC

**Saturday, Nov. 22**
- Garden Educator Workshop:
  Schoolyards and Sustainability
  10 a.m.-noon, GSC

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**Support Seattle Tilth**

If you would like to join Seattle Tilth in building a healthy local food system and environment for all people, we invite you to make a financial gift.

Use page 7 to donate today or visit seattletilth.org/support.

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**Become a Seattle Tilth member and receive discounts on classes today!**
Registration Form 2014

DATE _______ / _______ / _______

REGISTER ONLINE AT SEATTLETILTH.ORG

NAME ____________________________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS ____________________________________________________

HOME PHONE (_______) ____________________ WORK/CELL PHONE (_______) __________

STREET ADDRESS ____________________________________________________

CITY ___________________________ STATE _______ ZIP ________________________

☐ YES! SEND ME ENEWS TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON SPECIAL EVENTS, CLASSES, HOT TOPICS AND MORE.

FOR KIDS CAMPS

CHILD’S NAME ___________________________________________ ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

CHILD’S DATE OF BIRTH _______ / _______ / _______ CHILD’S AGE __________

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BECOME A MEMBER OF SEATTLE TILTH:

Benefits include discounts on classes and events, bi-monthly newsletter, and a vote for the Board of Directors.

Circle one: $35 Individual $60 Household $20 Limited Income Circle One: New Renewing $ __________

DONATE: Add $10 to your class fee to support Seattle Tilth’s education scholarship program:

$ __________ $ __________

CHINOOK BOOK: To redeem your coupon, attach it to this form or include the mobile code: ______________________ $ – __________

PAYMENT TYPE: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card

TOTAL AMOUNT (CASH, CHECK OR CHARGE) $ __________

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Name as it appears on card ___________________________________________________________

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Signature ______________________________________ 3-digit CVN # __________

SEATTLE TILTH CANCELLATION & PHOTO POLICY:

Please note that Seattle Tilth’s cancellation policy has changed. Payments for Seattle Tilth classes and events are non-refundable.

If you are unable to attend a class or event, you may transfer your reservation to someone else. Please provide your alternate’s contact information to the registrar so that we can alert our educators by contacting our registrar immediately at register@seattletilth.org or by phone at (206) 633-0461 ext. 128.

In the event that Seattle Tilth cancels a class, we will issue you a full refund.

By registering for classes, you grant to Seattle Tilth, and its successors and assigns, the right to use and publish your photograph, video or voice recordings, or likeness/appearance, with or without your name, on a perpetual basis in any medium or format, for the promotional and educational purposes of Seattle Tilth and the artist who recorded or created the foregoing on behalf of Seattle Tilth. You hereby release Seattle Tilth from all claims and demands that you may have, including without limitation those based on copyright, libel, slander, violation of privacy or publicity or similar rights, arising out of or in connection with the exercise of the rights authorized hereunder. If you would like to opt-out of the photo policy or have any other questions, please email melissadison@seattletilth.org.

seattletilth.org

Course offerings, class dates, fees and costs are subject to change without notice. Check our website for updates.

Ways to Register:

1. Online at seattletilth.org
2. Email this form to register@seattletilth.org
3. Mail this form and payment to 4649 Sunnyside Ave N., Ste 100 Seattle, WA 98103
4. Fax this form to (206) 633-0450

Questions?

Please contact our registration manager, Melissa Dison, at (206) 633-0451 ext. 128, or by email at melissadison@seattletilth.org.
Seattle Tilth’s Upcoming Events

Harvest Fair
Saturday, September 6

Gala Auction
Saturday, October 18

seattletilth.org/special_events

Visit us at our gardens & farms!

- community learning garden
- educational farm
- volunteer opportunity
- classes for adults
- children’s garden programs
- summer youth camp

Learning Gardens & Class Locations

Bradner Gardens Park (BGP)
1730 Bradner Place S
Seattle, 98144

Good Shepherd Center (GSC)
4649 Sunnyside Ave N
Seattle, 98103

Pickering Garden (PBI)
1730 10th Ave NW
Issaquah, 98027

Rainier Beach Learning Garden (RBLG)
4800 S Henderson
Seattle, 98118

Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands (RBUFW)
5513 S Cloverdale St
Seattle, 98118

Seattle Tilth Farm Works (STFW)
17601 SE Lake Moneysmith Rd
Auburn, 98092

Seattle Youth Garden Works (SYGW)
At the Center for Urban Horticulture
3501 NE 41st St, Seattle, 98195

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