



Franklin Park Conservatory & Botanical Gardens Growing to Green Program's Urban Gardens Leadership Academy

This series of classes, hands-on activities and best practices is geared toward those that are beginning community agriculture projects, have recently applied for or have been awarded a community garden grant or would like to strengthen their leadership skills for their community based project. This series utilizes the public gardens at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens and showcases professional educators and experienced project leaders. **All classes are free (exception-We Dig Ohio Summit), class size may be limited and rsvp required.*

Leadership Roundtable A Discussion with Growing to Green (Hub) Garden Leaders Saturday, January 5, 2019 10 am – 12 noon

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Strong leadership makes for a successful and sustainable community urban agriculture program. Leadership Academy kicks off with the help of Growing to Green (Hub) Garden leaders. Hear from experienced and successful leaders how they got started, became organized, built in sustainability and overcame challenges along the way. Have the opportunity to ask questions of these leaders to form your mission and goals for your own project.

Successful Seed Starting and Best Practices in High Tunnels Brian Kocher, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden's Greenhouse Manager Saturday, January 26, 2019

10am – 12 noon

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Utilizing the Conservatory's on-site Greenhouse Production Facility as a 'hands-on' opportunity to plant seedlings in the greenhouse, participants can also expect a discussion on planning, vegetable production season, best use of High Tunnels for production and hardening off, seeds vs plugs, soils and containers. This class will be limited due to space constraints, rsvp early.



We Dig Ohio Urban Agriculture and Community Gardening Summit Saturday, March 23, 2019

9am – 5pm

Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden's Wells Barn

This annual one-day summit explores urban agriculture and community gardening in the Ohio region. What's happening in the field of urban agriculture and community gardening? Become versed in relevant topics that will expand your gardening expertise. Attend sessions and workshops in a variety of subjects. Network, share and celebrate with individuals involved in projects across Ohio and beyond.

** \$60. Registration includes full conference workshops, keynote speaker, admission to the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, lunch and break refreshments. A limited number of admission scholarships are available.*

Planning a Successful Season in the Garden

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Time: TBD

Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden's Community Garden Campus

From working with volunteers, big groups and individuals to planting thousands of annual flowers and vegetables, caring for fruit trees, brambles and international gardens. Discover how Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens professional Horticulturists plan an entire year in the Scott's Miracle Gro Community Garden Campus. Learn how the onsite 40 plot community garden is managed. Designed as a living classroom and idea center, this four-acre garden provides creative resources for anyone interested in gardening and edible landscapes. Includes a tour of the culinary, herb and fragrance gardens, apiary, rose pavilion, berry house, and 40 community garden plots.

Programming Your Garden for the Next Generation

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Time: Evening

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens supports the Conservatory's outreach and education mission, promoting active learning for all ages, with emphasis on health and the natural sciences.

Tour and learn with our Educators in the Scott's Miracle Gro Foundation Children's Garden. See examples of successful, experiential and engaging programming in the garden. This newly constructed 2-acre garden is the largest horticulture project ever undertaken by the Conservatory. Featuring numerous unique, interactive experiences



celebrating the Ohio landscape, The Children's Garden focuses on introducing and connecting children to the natural world, as well as renewing that connection for their parents and caregivers.

**2019 Growing to Green Awards and Harvest Celebration
Thursday, September 12, 2019**

6pm – 9pm

Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden's Wells Barn

The Growing to Green Awards honor the dedication and hard work of many central Ohio communities and individuals while furthering Growing to Green's objective of promoting participation in city beautification, urban farms and community gardening. The Awards are a celebration of the season's bounty while cash awards given in seven categories honor gardens and gardeners who are truly making a difference in lives and communities.

**Best Practices for Late Season Gardening
Saturday, October 12, 2019**

10am – 12 noon

**Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden's Community
Garden Campus**

Join us for a jam packed session just in time to putting your garden to bed. Arrive with your questions regarding season extension, late plantings, winterizing irrigation systems, composting, planning for next season, seed purchasing, volunteer recruitment, marketing your garden, grant readiness and writing, tool cleaning and repair and rest!