

January is Spring?? You're Kidding!
The Texas Institute for Practical Sustainability Presents...

“The Spring Garden.....”

Organic Gardening Class

Sat. AM – Jan. 6 & 13

in

Austin, TX

Who should attend?

- It is Basics for Beginners – If you are new to Gardening or new to Austin and it's unique growing season(s), climate, soils, plants, and water resources. Teachers are encouraged.
- If you've tried and been baffled – try again with a small-scale, simple, easy approach.
- If you are among the thousands who are concerned about our environment, want to raise safe, nutritious food for your family, or want your children to know and enjoy gardening.
- If you don't have a lot of time, money, patience, or space...but want food and want it to work.

What's it all about?

- Basics: Bare ground or Bermuda grass lawn to installed/planted raised-garden beds – in the right place, with the right soil, small enough to manage, big enough to provide real food.
- Techniques: Raised beds – soil & mulch; bio-intensive/square-foot gardening; varieties for Cent. TX; soils/compost, mulch, water management; starts, seeds, propagation; good/ bad bugs.
- Unique “Do it/Learn it” Schedule : Learn first by doing it – at the Saturday workshops – fun outdoor activities with small groups. Take it home and try it. Then, come to discussion/talk the next Monday. That's three times/ways to learn and do it. Schedule is right on with Austin's Spring growing season.

A Spring Garden in January?

- Only in Austin! Isn't that Weird?? – mid Jan. – Mid Mar. is the planting time for most vegetables.
- Grow/harvest until late May/mid-June.(and beyond); great weather to be active and outdoors.

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And, about the Basics...

- To enroll: email – dpierce@aill.org; US-mail – Dick Pierce, TIPS, 801 E. 32nd St., Austin, 78705; Phone – 512-695-3425, pls. leave message. Pls. Write/call for more information.
- Fees: \$80. for 2 classes and 2 evenings; \$60 for Teachers/Students; ½ for 2nd family member
- Times Sat. Workshops – 9:00 – 12:30 (prep at 8:30); Monday sessions – 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Directions: detailed directions will be sent with confirmation..

-Fall '07 - Organic Gardening Series

-Set 1 – Intro – Basics – Start-up – Hardscapes

-Sat. Wkshop-1 – 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Sat., Jan 6

- Site Walk/Analysis
- Select Bed Location
- Raised Bed Construction
- Plant – Fall Veggies
- Build a Compost Pile
- Sun/Shade/Drains/Level/Seasons
- Locations for Compost, R' Barrel, etc.
- Over Grass, Scraps, Cardboard,
- Soil Inside, Wood Mulch Outside)
- Intro to Sq. Ft. Planting
- Greens, Browns, Water, Air, Pallets,

-Evening – Class/Discussion – 7:00 -8:30 PM

Mon, Jan. 9

- Students share their experiences
- Intro to Gardening/Food/ Course
- Site Analysis/Selection
- Garden Design, including ancillary areas
- Austin Seasons, Varieties, Planting
- Square Foot Gardening
- Students Pictures of gardens
- Compost Talk

-Set 2 – Mulch Bed – Gutter/Rain Barrel – More Planting – Turn/Observe Compost

-Sat. Wkshop 2

Sat., Jan. 13

- Build Mulch Bed, Over Grass, Cardboard, Plywood Sides, w' Rebar/Stakes
- Plant mulch bed – Fall Veggies
- Install Gutter, Rain Barrel, Drippers
- Turn Compost – Temperature, Microbes – Water/Air
- Plant Tomato pots

-Class/Discussion

Mon. Jan 16. 6

- Review Mulch Bed
- Water in Austin – Urban – Rain Harvest, Store, Cycle/Re-cycle
- Water-wise Landscaping – Austin
- Wetlands, Outdoor Shower
- Brief intro to Permaculture