



Educational Programs

January - March 2012

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Winter Programming



The winter is often perceived as the slower months in terms of farming but this is far from true. Many of our neighboring farms are busy with their winter CSAs and it is also an important time for planning for the year ahead.

We invite you to explore this season's educational offerings which focus on planning your own gardens for a year of productivity whilst also providing the opportunity to try something new whether it be vermicomposting or growing your own fruit trees.

The winter season can also be an exciting time of year to explore our surroundings from a different perspective which is why we are very excited to be offering Walking in a Winter Wonderland a guided tree walk with Newton arborist Marc Welch.



- **Planning your 3 Season Bounty.** Saturday January 28th.
- **What to do with your Winter CSA?** Sunday February 5th.
- **Walking in a Winter Wonderland.** Saturday February 11th.
- **Growing Fruit Trees in Newton.** Saturday March 10th and 17th.
- **Vermicomposting for Beginners.** Sunday March 25th.

Planning your Garden for a 3-Season Bounty

Saturday January 28th, 9-noon.
\$45, \$40 Friends of the Farm.

Join locally renowned gardening expert Ted Chapman for a planning session that will prime you for success in your garden this year. Plan for successive crops, select your seeds and learn which plants to start indoors. After taking this informative class you will be well on your way to designing and implementing a productive, 3 season garden for 2012.

Instructor: Ted Chapman.

Location: Directions to class location will be e-mailed to class participants.

What to do with your Winter CSA?

Sunday February 5th, 1:30- 3:30pm
\$30, \$27 Friends of the Farm.

Running out of ideas on what to do with all of those winter veggies? Then look no further. Join Personal Chef Sharon Shiner as she provides practical tips on how you can get the most out of your winter CSA.

The class will discuss the basics of roasting and stewing some of the more regular features of winter CSAs, as well as how best to use them in the winter classic, soups. Get ideas on herb pairings and other ingredients that will enhance the taste and flavor of your vegetables. Each participant is asked to bring one or two vegetables to work with during the class.



Instructor: Sharon Shiner.

Location: Newton Community Farm

Walking in a Winter Wonderland

**Saturday, February 11th,
9:30 - 11:30am.
\$5 per person \$12 per Family (max 4)**

Come and join us as Marc Welch, Newton's official arborist takes us on a guided winter tree walk. We will begin our walk at Newton Community Farm and head over to Nahanton Park before returning to the farm. Our walk will focus on identifying local tree species during the winter



months and how the Farm has played a role in the 'treescape' we see today as well as thinking about how our own personal

choices today may impact this aspect of our natural environment in the future.

A fun activity to be enjoyed by all during the winter months.

PLEASE NOTE:

In the event of inclement weather on the day of the class or if there is too much accumulated snow the class will be re-scheduled for March. Please check our website before attending for an update.

The route and content of the class may be altered at the discretion of the instructor to reflect the conditions on that day.

Being a winter outdoor activity it is the responsibility of all participants to be dressed and prepared appropriately.

Instructor: Marc Welch

Location: Newton Community Farm

Growing Fruit Trees in Newton

**Saturday March 10th and 17th,
9:30 – 11:30am
\$60, \$54 Friends of the Farm**

If you would like to grow fruit trees we can show you how to be successful. Join Sam Fogel for two classes, each 2 hours long and he will introduce you to the best varieties of fruit trees for Newton including apple, peach, pear, plum and cherry.

Discussions will focus on trees that are naturally resistant to fungal and bacterial diseases as well as how to prune and care for them. Catalogues from a few vendors of "bare-rooted trees" will also be discussed. The class will also visit the NCF orchard, while trees are dormant and note the tree characteristics of size and shape. Here participants will learn of the types of apple trees that can all be conveniently placed in pots or small garden areas. Finally, we'll discuss garden pests and diseases, and how to outsmart them.

If you are considering growing your own fruit trees the basic requirement is to have a location with at least 5 hours of summer sun and you will soon need to order your new trees. Why not take this class to help you make informed choices?

Instructor: Sam Fogel

Location: Newton Community Farm



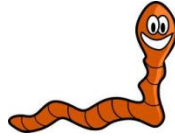
Vermicomposting for Beginners

Sunday March 25th, 2:00 – 3:30pm

\$40 , \$35 Friends of the Farm

(fee includes all materials)

Using a simple yet effective system, you can turn your food waste into potting soil with the help of red worms. Odors are minimal and the entire system can be stored under the sink, in your garage, or in the cellar year-round! We provide the materials, worms, and instruction, and you go home with a fully functioning vermicomposting bin that will recycle food scraps into nitrogen rich compost for your garden or houseplants in weeks!



Instructor: TBD

Location: Newton Community Farm

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Volunteer

Are you an avid gardener? Do you want to share your love of gardening with others? We are looking for volunteers to lead or assist in teaching adult and children's classes in organic gardening. Most classes involve hands on learning on the farm.

Our educational coordinator will match you to an existing class, or work with you to plan a class which highlights your particular area of expertise or interest. Training is available.

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Friend of the Farm Membership

Enjoy class discounts and other benefits by joining our Friends of the Farm program.

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