

Spring Bootcamp

Gardening with Beneficial Insects

Learn how to encourage the natural enemies of many garden pests, how to increase the biological diversity of your garden and fight off pests such as aphids in organically sustainable ways.

Create Your Own Food Forest

Forest gardening is an ancient approach to creating diverse perennial plant systems that provide an abundance of food, medicine, fuel, building materials, biodiversity and beauty for generations. While forest gardening has traditionally been more common in the tropics, the past few decades have seen versions of this practice multiplying throughout the temperate and colder regions of the planet. Find out how you can transform your urban yard or rural property into a forest garden including the best species for the Powell River region.

Frugal Gardening for Beginners

This class is an introduction to how to make frugal raised beds, how to fill them on the cheap and what to plant in them to harvest the most bang for the buck.

How to make Kombucha and Milk kefir

Kombucha (fermented tea) and Milk kefir have been around for many years. There are many benefits to drinking these liquids and many ways you can incorporate them in your diet/lifestyle. Learn about the health benefits, how to use these drinks, how to make them and best of all; taste test them.

Build a Self-Watering Planter

Learn how to put together re-used materials to build containers for your plants that water themselves with much less attention from you! Build your own planter to take home.

Plant Propagation: new plants from old

Learn about the many different ways to create new plants from the ones you already have, then get hands-on experience dividing plants in the Patricia Theatre garden. P

Keeping Small Livestock in your Homestead Garden

Learn how to successfully integrate chickens, ducks and rabbits into your homestead garden. The benefits of raising small livestock include providing high-nitrogen manure for

plant fertilizer and a quality source of eggs or meat, and help control common pests like slugs and insects.

Weeds 101 – Identificaton, strategies, and recipes

Everything you ever wanted to know about weeds! What is a weed, and what makes weeds so successful? Strategies for removing & controlling weeds, identification skills & resources, and even eating weeds.

Onions and Garlic and Peas: growing alliums and legumes

Some of our most popular vegetables fall into the Allium (onion) and Legume (pea and bean) families. Learn the theory and practice of growing common and less-well-known examples of both families.

How to build and use a solar cooker

Get a broad view of the state of the art of solar cooking with the presentation of various useful designs, and build a simple panel type cooker for immediate use when the sun hits your back yard.

**Sat/Sun March 19th & 20th
Townsite Anglican Church**

Permaculture sessions

Intro to Permaculture

An introduction to the concepts and principles of Permaculture. If you are new to permaculture you'll need this class to give you a foundation to build on over the rest of the weekend.

Ecological Soil Management

Understanding the ecology of soil will help you create a management plan for long-term fertility and provide ecological benefits to life inside and outside of your garden.

Working With Water

Learn to manage your landscape's precious water resources year-round, so that you keep the water where and when you need it, no matter the weather or season.

Hot Composting and Other Alchemy

A hands-on session to help you get serious about making and using great compost.

Teaming with microbes

Making and using teas, brews, and inoculants to bring your soil to life.

Site Analysis & Mapping Skills

The first step in good design is knowing how to make good observations of what you're working with. This hands-on session will focus on learning to see the landscape with you Permaculture eyes and translating that information into maps and design tools you can use.

Design Tools 1: Pattern Analysis

Natural ecosystems work in patterns. This session will show you some design tools to bring the power of natural patterns into your landscape.

Design tools 2: Zones and Sectors

Using the principle of beneficial relative location, this session will show you how to design your landscape for lower maintenance and higher productivity by working with the land instead of against it.