



23rd Annual Urban Harvest Growing Organic Vegetables Class Series

YEAR 2018

Instructors: Gary Edmondson & Dr. Bob Randall

Class 1 Jan 18	Randall	The Organic Approach; Why it works; Problems with Industrial Pest Control; Beginning Planting Schedule Brief explanation. READ CHAPTERS ONE, TWO & THREE
Class 2 Jan 25	Edmondson	Designing your vegetable garden using Permaculture; Area Climate; Ponds, Bogs, Rain Gardens, Swales, & Precipitation; Irrigation Drainage & Raised Beds; Tomatoes; Basic Vegetable Garden Design; Planting Schedule This week. READ CHAPTER FOUR
Class 3 Feb 8	Randall	Weeds and Weeding; Soil Nutrients; Organic Matter, Backyard Compost, Mulches, Organic Fertilizers; READ CHAPTER FIVE 1 ST HALF
Class 4 Feb 22	Ray Sher & Edmondson	Ecological Pest Control; Other Organic Pest Controls; READ CHAPTER SIX
Garden Tour Mar 3	Randall & Edmondson	Saturday field trip visit to two early spring gardens. Randall 2-2:45; Edmondson 3:15-4. Optional. Not required for certificate.
Class 5 March 8	John Ferguson	Guest Speaker John Ferguson (Nature's Way Resources): Purchased Mulches & Compost; Soil Food Webs; READ CHAPTER FIVE, 2nd Half
Class 6 March 22	Edmondson	The Vegetable Planting Calendar; Vegetable Seeds: Types, Varieties, & Best Sources; Growing Organic Transplants; Planting seeds, sprouts and plants; Planting Schedule full explanation READ CHAPTER SEVEN and Skim Chapter Eleven
Class 7 Apr 5	Randall	Cabbage-Mustard Family; Organic Tomatoes; Allotment & Group Kitchen Gardening; During the remainder of this course read parts of Chapter 8 focusing on crops we have discussed in this class. Go to the Urban Harvest website and read about Community Gardens.
Class 8 Apr 19	Edmondson	All nightshades except tomatoes, Bean & Pea Family; Sweet potato Family, Mint Family, Miscellaneous Others. Donation Gardening. READ materials on these veggies in chapter 8.
Class 9 May 3	Edmondson	Garden Service Assignments. Carrot Dill Family; Onion Family; Lettuce-Sunflower Family; Outdoor Classrooms. READ materials on these veggies in chapter 8.
Garden Tour May 13	Randall & Edmondson	Saturday field trip visit to two early summer gardens. Randall 2-2:45; Edmondson 3:15-4. Optional. Not required for certificate.
Class 10 May 17	Randall	Squash Family; Grain Family; Okra Family; Beet Family. Market Gardens & Farms READ materials on these veggies chapter 8



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Hands-on training is available by looking at our list of community gardens on our website at [Urban Harvest Affiliate Garden Directory](#). If you need further assistance, contact the office at 713-880-5540 with any questions on becoming a community garden volunteer. Note that if you volunteer, try to bring your own trowel, gloves and hat.

CLASSES: Before classes there will be a Q&A session where you can bring up topics related to the last class and the readings. You are welcome to ask questions at break and after the class.

GARDEN TOURS: There are two optional garden tours scheduled during the class. They are scheduled on a Saturday or a Sunday in March or May

ATTENDANCE POLICY: You need to attend 9 classes to be eligible for the “Organic Vegetable Specialist Certificate.” It is your responsibility to check your attendance at each class. If you miss a class, you can make it up the following year when (and if) the class is offered. You may schedule with Lilly DeHaven lilly@urbanharvest.org, volunteer hours if you miss more than one class due to illness or work conflicts in order to receive a certificate once the volunteer hours are completed (to complete within one month after the class series ends.)

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: We would like to have *all* of you as volunteers! Volunteering in a community garden is a great way to learn about how experienced gardeners are growing food. See our website [community garden directory](#) or our volunteer opportunities at our <http://www.urbanharvest.org> Support tab.

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