



## ISLES GARDEN SUPPORT NETWORK 2014 CALENDAR

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| Tuesday   | March 4th  | <b>Community Garden Kickoff Meeting</b>                                   | 6-7 PM     | 33 Tucker St.         |
| Wednesday | March 12th | <b>Workshop:</b> Gardening Foundations Part I                             | 6-8 PM     | 33 Tucker St.         |
| Wednesday | April 2nd  | <b>Workshop:</b> Gardening Foundations Part II                            | 6-8 PM     | 33 Tucker St.         |
| Tuesday   | April 8th  | <b>Garden Plow Event</b> with Howell Living History Farm (Rain date 4/10) | 9 AM-1 PM  | Chestnut Ave Garden   |
| Tuesday   | April 15th | <b>Community Garden Seed &amp; Spring Plant Distribution</b>              | 4-6 PM     | 33 Tucker St.         |
| Wednesday | April 30th | <b>Workshop:</b> Roundtable Q&A   | 6-8 PM     | 33 Tucker St.         |
| Tuesday   | May 6th    | <b>Community Garden Seed &amp; Summer Plant Distribution</b>              | 4-6 PM     | 33 Tucker St.         |
| Saturday  | May 10th   | <b>Workshop:</b> Organic Gardening  | 9:30-11 AM | 33 Tucker St.         |
| Wednesday | May 21st   | <b>Workshop:</b> Tools & Techniques                                       | 6-8 PM     | 33 Tucker St.         |
| Saturday  | May 31st   | <b>Workshop:</b> Build a Rain Barrel                                      | 9:30-11 AM | Roberto Clemente Park |
| Saturday  | June 21st  | <b>Workshop:</b> Composting & Mulches                                     | 9:30-11 AM | Roberto Clemente Park |

Please see reverse for detailed descriptions. Events are free and open to the public. Workshops are free to registered gardeners, any materials excluded. Each garden's annual registration fee must be paid before any members of the garden can receive materials or assistance. These are just the events we have scheduled through June, so stay in touch. Please contact us if you would like more information!

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## Community Garden Kickoff Meeting

**Tuesday, March 4th - 6 PM @ 33 Tucker St. (off Warren near Battle Monument)**

Whether you're a seasoned expert or just want to discover your green thumb, join us as we gear up for the year. Don't belong to a garden? We can help connect you with one.

## \*Gardening Foundations: Part I

**Wednesday, March 12th - 6-8 PM @ 33 Tucker St.**

Want to garden, but not sure where to start? Join us for an informal workshop designed to take you through the year, as we discuss soil, watering, planting schedules, and trouble-shooting. Participants are encouraged to attend Part II on April 2nd and also the workshops on composting and organic management.

## \*Gardening Foundations: Part II

**Wednesday, April 2nd - 6-8 PM @ 33 Tucker St.**

Building on lessons learned in Part One, participants will further develop gardening skills by learning the basic care requirements of growing vegetables from A (asparagus) to Z (zucchini).

## Garden Plow Event with Howell Living History Farm

**Tuesday, April 8th - 9 AM-1 PM**

**Chestnut Ave Garden (between Walnut & Greenwood)**

For over twenty years, Howell Farm has joined us in the spring for an old-fashioned plow led by a team of horses or oxen. Come celebrate this occasion as we prepare the Chestnut Avenue garden for the upcoming growing season. Rain date Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Community Garden Seed & Plant Distribution

**Thursday, April 15th - 4:00-6:00 PM @ 33 Tucker St.**

Pick up your seeds & fertilizer along with cool-weather seedlings like lettuce, cabbage, collards, & kale. Remember to bring your own cardboard box or seedling trays from last year!

## \*Workshop: Meet the Gardeners

**Wednesday, April 30th – 6-8 PM @ 33 Tucker St.**

Join us for an informal Q&A session that showcases the experience of different gardeners within IGSN. Hear them discuss the challenges, rewards, and rich history of gardening from different perspectives. Let us know if you would like to share your experiences!

## Community Garden Seed & Plant Distribution

**Tuesday, May 6th - 4-6 PM @ 33 Tucker St.**

Pick up more seeds & fertilizer along with warm-weather seedlings like tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, and herbs. Remember to bring your own cardboard box or seedling trays from last year!

## \*Workshop: Organic Gardening

**Saturday, May 10th - 9:30 AM @ 33 Tucker St.**

Learn practical ways of handling garden problems in ways that are safe for you and safe for the environment. Special focus will be given to organic management of pests and diseases.

## \*Workshop: Tools & Techniques

**Wednesday, May 21st – 6-8PM @ 33 Tucker St.**

In addition to learning about basic tool use and care, we will discuss strategies for effective watering, weeding, and harvesting. Techniques for plant pruning & support will also be demonstrated as ways to maximize yield in the minimum amount of space.

## Workshop: Build a Rain Barrel

**Saturday, May 31st - 9:30 AM @ Roberto Clemente Park (Academy Street east of Stockton)**

Learn about the effective use of rain barrels and build your own to take home using curriculum from the Water Resources Program at Rutgers. If you are building a barrel, materials cost for the workshop is \$50.

## \*Workshop: Composting & Mulches

**Saturday, June 21st - 9:30 AM @ Roberto Clemente Park**

Learn about the benefits and principles of composting, including simple bin construction. Learn the vital role that organisms play in soil and plant health. We will also discuss different types of mulches and their application in weed control and soil moisture retention.

\*Indicates joint workshop with Incubator Garden