



Summer 2017 Workshops in the Sustainable Garden

Are you interested in learning practical horticultural and design skills to incorporate into your home landscape? And reconnect with your fellow gardeners? Come visit the Sustainable Garden!

Our Next Round of Events: (all events take place in the Sustainable Garden)
As is our custom, all events are preceded with a pot luck dinner (5:30 – 6:30pm); bring a dish to share!

Wednesday May 24, 2017 Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

“No Land, No Problem: Vertical Hydroponic Food Production.”

Presenter: William Turano

Many people are interested in growing a portion of their own food but have limited or no access to land. No problem, there is a solution in sight! This presentation will show you how you can produce a portion of your own food utilizing a vertical hydroponic system that is versatile, mobile and allows you to bring live produce to your table year round. Growing vertical food produces two times the amount of food in half the amount of space, while using less resources. When you incorporate such a system you can help promote a more sustainable and local food production system.

Presenter bio: William Turano first discovered the impact of large-scale industrialized agriculture in 2013 while taking an anthropology course at Suffolk County Community College. Around the same time he began turning what began as a gardening hobby, into a small-scale organic farm. At that point he knew that he wanted to grow food and help feed the world. William’s business, *Lifted Roots Vertical Farms* (www.liftedroots.net), provides consumers with fresh, healthy and sustainable grown produce. His indoor hydroponic farm uses 95% less water compared to traditional farms, and is an almost carbon neutral operation.

Wednesday June 7, 2017 Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

“Rainwater: Don’t Let it Go Down the Drain”

Presenter: Mark Scaramucci

Harvesting rainwater provides an alternative to using potable drinking water for gardening and other home uses. In this workshop you will learn practical methods to capture a portion of your own water for landscape applications. You will learn tips to save money by reducing household water usage and keep your plants healthy with non-chlorinated rainwater. Collecting rainwater on your site reduces flooding and pollution to local streams, rivers, and lakes.

Presenter bio: Mark Scaramucci is the principal owner of *Permascape Designs* (<http://www.permasapedesigns.com>). A certified permaculture designer, Mark’s ecological design practice creates functional, interdependent systems serving both nature and its living habitats. His work focuses on storm water management, indoor/outdoor air quality and energy-use reduction.

Admission fee: \$10.00 for Sustainable Garden members \$15.00 for non-members

Farmingdale students admitted free

Meet at the Sustainable Garden Kiosk

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All events held rain or shine!

