



Sustainable Garden 2020 Winter Workshops

Are you interested in learning practical horticultural and design skills to incorporate into your home landscape? And connect with fellow garden enthusiasts? Gear up for the upcoming growing season by attending the following workshops at Farmingdale State College's Department of Urban Horticulture and Design Sustainable Garden!

February 15, 2020 Time: 10am – 12pm Growing Your Own Food: A Primer for Success Presenter: Michael Veracka

This workshop will provide attendees with the essential *nuts and bolts* to create a garden designed to produce food that is healthy, fresh, affordable and beautiful. We will cover site selection for your garden, proper soil husbandry, seed starting techniques, sourcing plants, and establishing a schedule for keeping the harvest going all year long. Our particular focus will be utilizing practices and techniques that care for the environment and those who desire to grow, harvest and eat fresh, healthy produce.

Presenter bio: Michael Veracka is an Associate Professor within the Department of Urban Horticulture & Design at Farmingdale State College. Michael's teaching interests and design practice focus on sustainable design, edible landscaping and the adaptive reuse of urban spaces.

February 29, 2020 Time: 10am -12pm Fruit Growing for the Home Landscape Presenter: Glenn Aldridge

This introductory workshop examines the basics for incorporating fruit-producing plants suitable for the residential landscape. Topics to be discussed include selecting the proper varieties of fruit trees and berry bearing shrubs, site selection, proper planting methods and maintenance techniques. A particular focus will be on incorporating sustainable strategies for growing and maintaining fruit. The workshop includes a visit to the newly planted sustainable garden orchard. Presenter bio: Since 2013 Glenn Aldridge has managed the orchard at Restoration Farm (www.restorationfarm.com), Old Bethpage Village, NY. Glenn cares for the apple trees that Nassau County planted back in 1992 and has transformed part of the orchard that was not suitable for apple trees into peach trees and berry plantings, which include blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, elderberries, and black raspberries.

March 7, 2020 Time: 10am – 12pm An Introduction to Permaculture Presenter: Michael Veracka

This introductory workshop examines permaculture, the practice of designing systems modeled from ecological relationships that respect the land while serving its inhabitants. We'll address the basics of permaculture theory, systems-thinking, site assessment and analysis, and design applications for incorporating practices and plants suitable for the suburban, residential landscape.

Admission Fee: \$10.00 for Sustainable Garden members \$15.00 for non-members
Farmingdale Students admitted free All Workshops held in the Horticulture Greenhouse
Pre-registration is Required

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