

February 21, 2009

Community Garden Workshop

Rotary Botanical Gardens

Tentative Agenda

8:00am- Registration

8:30am- Welcome and Introductions: Mike Maddox is a Horticulture Educator for Rock County UW-Extension and the Director of Education for Rotary Botanical Gardens. Part of his education programming is the establishment and support of community gardens in the county, including a ½ acre garden working with jail inmates at the county sheriff's department.

9:00am-Hunger in Wisconsin: Nick Heckman, UW-Extension Poverty and Food Insecurity Program Specialist, will present the group sobering data regarding hunger and families.

10:00am-Local Foods: Jackie Gennett of Bushel & Peck's Local Market will share her ideas and experience with the local food movement. Topics will include growing food, consumer demand, the local food system and the challenges in eating local year round. Jackie is co owner of Bushel & Peck's Local Market and runs a sustainable and organically managed farm in Monroe, Wisconsin.

11:00am History of Community Gardens: Mary Reilly-Kliss will review the history of Urban and Community Gardens in the United States. Connecting with our past sometimes lends new insight to the present, and this is surely the case when we consider the importance of such programs in the 19th, 20th and 21st Centuries. Mary is an Ozaukee County Master Gardener and the organizer of the Washington County Community Gardens in West Bend, Wisconsin.

Noon- Lunch, catered by Bushel & Peck's Local Market, includes a buffet lunch with locally resourced materials. Meatless option available.

1:00pm- Vegetable Garden Primer

Where do you begin? Seed or transplant? Heirloom or hybrid? Brad Paulson has been in the commercial vegetable business locally since the mid-1970's and now puts his knowledge to work as a representative for Rupp Seeds, a commercial seed company, and will help you decide how to get your garden started.

2:00pm- Community Garden Round Table: Starting a Community Garden

Listen to the trials and tribulations from individuals who have tried to start a community garden; includes MGV Anna Kokity, Merrill Park Community Garden (Beloit), Beth Wheelock and Kay Dupree, Rockport Road Community Garden (Janesville), MGV Andrea Breen (Jefferson), and others! We are giving ourselves plenty of time for presentation and Q&A. Come with questions!

4:00pm- Adjourn

Registration: \$25, includes lunch, coffee and tea (please consider bringing a treat to share at break) and all resource materials.

For more information, contact:

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Deadline: February 13, 2009

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