

GREEN RACINE

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2ND MONDAYS AT 6:00

September 12, 2016

The Old-Fashion Fun of Canning Fruits and Vegetables. Home canning has been around since the Civil War. The Victory Gardens of the First and Second World Wars made it a common practice. In more recent times, easy access to cheap food has resulted in a sharp decline in the practice of canning food. In this class we will discuss how easy and safe it is to "put food by".

Jessica True and Colleen Patterson. They are permaculture teachers, organic gardeners and local food advocates

October 10, 2016

An Eco-friendly Diet: Good for you, Good for Earth. It's about quality of life! How do we eat better and have a positive influence on the environment at the same time? The key to do so is not another quick fix diet or supplement. It's a shift in how we think and what we eat. Learn how you can take simple steps to change the way you think while grocery shopping or when eating out. This workshop will show you how to get started with a better quality of life, even how you can grow your own green leafed veggies indoors during the winter time and on tower gardens in summer.

Birgitte Christensen, Holistic Practitioner, Happy Healthy Way. For more than 10 years Birgitte has helped people, all over the world, make a long-lasting change toward a better lifestyle.

November 14, 2016

Greening Your Whole House: Attic to Basement. The program will present a comprehensive model for making your home earth-friendly. It will suggest specific and inexpensive products and practices—in areas such as energy, water, waste, food, yard, and more. The session will invite participants to share their experiences. A checklist will help participants identify new commitments. November 14, 2016.

David Rhoads, Greening Greater Racine. David has been an environmental activist for three decades working mainly with greening churches, educational institutions, and homes.

January 9, 2017

Lower Your Energy Bill—By Half. Come learn practical steps you can take to reduce your utility costs and household environmental impact by more than half (compared to national averages). Make the most of your efforts and investments by targeting items with the greatest savings and fastest payback. Understand how your home carbon footprint relates to global emissions levels and reduction targets.

Casey McIntosh is an engineer and founder of FreeEnergyAudit.org—a volunteer organization committed to helping households realize a future of energy independence and sustainability.

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February 13, 2017

Garbage into Gold: How to Compost Your Food and Yard Waste.

We will discuss both basic and advanced composting techniques, uses, and tools that will help you turn your yard trimmings and household waste into soil amendment "gold." Learn to make your composting efforts efficient and effective. The program includes a variety of handouts and involves audience participation.

Susan Obry, Master Composter. A retired nurse and nurse educator. Susan is a Master Composter and a Master Gardener Volunteer with a special interest in herbs. She has presented many programs including at the Olbricht Botanical Gardens.

March 13, 2017

How, When, and Where to Plant a Tree. Healthy trees provide numerous benefits – learn how ensure good tree health while promoting maximum growth. The program will discuss tree species selection, proper planting, correct watering and basic tree pruning.

Matthew Koepnick, Urban Forester. Matt has been working in the fields of urban forestry and arboriculture for close to 20 years. He is an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist & Municipal Specialist and is the City Forester for Racine.

April 10, 2017

Get an Eco-Green Yard—and Keep Our Waters Clean. Our workshop will focus on actions you can take on your own property to help protect our precious waters. Find out why Sparkles the Water Spaniel is always reminding us, "Clean water is a matter of proper

training!" You'll glean new information about storm water runoff pollution, spring and summer yard care, soil testing, lawn alternatives, composting, permeable surfaces, and rain barrels with a special focus on creating rain gardens.

Allison Thielen, Root Pike Watershed Initiative Network. Allison has four years of experience teaching interactive workshops for environmental organizations in Racine County on native plant and freshwater resources.

May 8, 2017

How to Grow and Cook Your Own Organic Food. You will learn about simple techniques to grow spring vegetables including potatoes, greens, radishes, broccoli, and beets. Participants will be able to sample prepared dishes and take home recipes.

Sister Rejane Cytacki, Director, Racine Eco-Justice Center. Rejane has been an educator and gardener for over 10 years. She has a passion for environmental education and cooking.

June 12, 2017

Good Plants, Bad Plants: How to Know Which is Which and Why It Matters. In this presentation, you will learn what is meant by the term "invasive," what are some of the ways invasives have traveled here, what problems they cause, which ones are the worst offenders in our area, and what we can do about them.

Melissa Warner, Weed Out! Racine. A retired high school science teacher, Melissa was Named Wisconsin's Invader Crusader in 2013 for her efforts managing invasive plant species in public parks and native spaces.

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