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Events

Madison Area Community Garden Leaders Gathering – August 1

Several times a year, CAC hosts a gathering for garden leaders. All current and aspiring community garden leaders, along with gardeners and community members, are invited to meet and discuss their questions, concerns and successes in coordinating and leading gardens. The meeting will include small group discussions for kids gardens, food pantry gardens as well as household or plot gardens.

When: Saturday, August 1, 9:00 am - 1 pm (After the gathering, join us for the fun Troy Savor the Summer Festival from 3:00 - 7:00 pm!)

Where: The gathering starts at 9:00 am at Sheboygan Community Garden, behind the Hill Farms DOT building, off Segoe & Sheboygan Aves. If you'd like, visit the Westside Farmers Market just across the parking lot beforehand for free coffee (and bring \$ if you'd like to buy a little breakfast of fruit, a baked treat, turnips, whatever suits your fancy from the market!).

For more information: Contact Janet at 246-4730 ext 218 or janetp@cacscw.org . We welcome your advance input on topics to discuss that day!

Savor the Summer Festival – August 1

The Troy Gardens Savor the Summer Festival will be held on **Saturday, August 1 from 3-7 pm**. Join us for free hayrides, meet & greet the friendly horses, lots of kids' games, crafts & activities--including slippy slide & sprinkler park, West African drums & dancing, local talent show at Troy Kids' Garden Living Stage—and more! You can participate by helping with:

- Planning and publicity before the event as well as pitching in during the festival to help set up, clean up, staff our table, or assist with kids' activities.

- Performing as an ACOUSTIC MUSICIAN, DANCER or SPOKEN WORD ARTIST! We have room for performers to celebrate their talent at Savor The Summer.
- DONATING VEGETABLES to be cooked in a free Savor the Summer feast! Harvest your plot on Friday, July 31 and leave whatever you can spare in front of your community garden (or in the community garden common area) by 7pm that evening. We'll pick up the food, and our volunteer chefs will create a feast to be served the following day at the festival.

We'll pay Timedollars for anyone who helps.

Contact: Marge Pitts at margepitts@sbcglobal.net or call 608-770-4344 if you'd like to participate or if you have questions!

Community Gardens Bike Tour with Mayor Dave Cieslewicz – August 29

Tour beautiful southwest Madison community gardens during this family-friendly ride and join us for lunch!

When: Saturday, August 29, 8/9 am – 1 pm

Where: 8am - Meet at the farmer's market downtown for a longer bike ride
OR

9am - Meet up with the ride at Hammersley Community Garden, next to Falk Elementary School at 6120 Hammersley Road

For more information: contact Nicole Craig at 246-4730 ext. 208

American Community Garden Association's 30th Annual Conference – August 6-9, 2009.

The ACGA Conference brings together hundreds of individuals from across the United States, Canada, and abroad, who are engaged in all aspects of gardening and greening. The conference will take place in **Columbus OH** and includes hands-on workshops, keynote speakers, a film festival, and visits to parks, school gardens, and community gardens. Visit <http://www.communitygarden.org/learn/training/annual-conference/index.php> for more information on the conference and on how to register or contact Vicki Garrett at vgarrett@communitygarden.org or at 877.ASK.ACGA (275.2242).

Courses

UW Organic Training

The UW Organic Training Program, lead by experienced organic producers, will cover topics such as organic gardening for backyard gardeners and small producers, composting, cover crops, raising worms, weed, disease and insect control and more. Four full days of training will take place in July and August.

When: Tuesdays, July 14, 21, 28 and August 4, 9 am – 3 pm.

Where: UW West Madison Agriculture Research Station

Registration: Contact the West Madison Research Station at 608-262-2257

Growing Minds: Garden-Based Learning from the Ground Up

This course is designed for K-12 teachers and community educators who are interested in building skills in youth gardening. Course topics will include youth garden design and construction, funding and resources, organic gardening methods, cooking in an outdoor garden kitchen, nature study and games, and more!

Dates: July 27-31, 2009, 8am-noon ☐

Cost: \$50

Place: The Kids' Garden at Troy Gardens (500 block of Troy Drive, near Warner Park)

Contact: Nathan Larson at education@troygardens.org or 240-0409 for registration details.

Quann Garden Workshops

Each event at the Quann Community Garden begins with a **potluck dinner starting at 6:00 p.m., with workshops beginning at 6:45 p.m.** following dinner. Spanish/English translation available at all events.

Tues, July 21: Topic TBD

Tues, Aug 11: Planning for a Fall Harvest

Tues, Sept 15: Putting Your Garden to Bed for the Season

Composting Workshop

Mark your calendars for Troy Garden's composting workshop, to be held on **September 19, beginning at 9 am.** Following the workshop, beginning at 12 pm, will be the Troy Garden's Harvest Festival. Stay tuned for more details in upcoming newsletters.

Job Opportunities

East High Community Farm Internship Announcement

Community GroundWorks (CGW) at Troy Gardens is offering a paid internship with a new program being developed this year. As part of the Youth Grow Local Initiative, CGW is creating a small production farm in partnership with East High School and Goodman Community Center. The farm is located at Kennedy Elementary. This is the pilot year of an innovative new project with the goal of creating a new model of sustainable agriculture education at the high school level. **Please contact Megan (megan@troygardens.org) for more information.**

Announcements

New CAC Staff and Volunteer

Hundreds of volunteers keep all of our 38 Madison-area community gardens growing. Supporting the volunteers, we have a small staff at CAC Food & Gardens. This summer, we welcome three dynamite new people to the CAC team! They are working at the office and in gardens all over town.

Nicole Craig came in June to begin working full-time, year round, in the position that was held previously by Ben Sommers. Nicole holds a graduate degree in Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development at the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at UW-Madison, and interned last summer at Troy Community Farm. Contact Nicole at 246-4730 ext 208 or nicolec@cacscw.org

Shoua Vang is with us half-time this summer. He gardens at Truax Community Garden and is working on his undergraduate degree in medical microbiology and sociology at UW-Madison. Contact Shoua at 334-5339 or shouaemail@gmail.com

Rachel Mallinger is our volunteer intern this season. She gardens at Eagle Heights Community Garden and is doing graduate work in agroecology at UW-Madison. Contact Rachel at 269-267-4757 or rachel.mallinger@gmail.com

Rachel, Shoua and Nicole: it's great to have your energy and enthusiasm serving the gardens!!