



Two New Publications Hot off the Press

Madison FarmWorks Vegetable Planting Calendar

This whacky spring-like weather has gardeners revving up for garden planning and seed starting. For those who like to start their own seeds and plan succession planting throughout the growing season, Megan Cain and Claire Strader have produced the *Madison FarmWorks Vegetable Planting Calendar*. This is a week by week guide to keep you organized and keep your garden producing all season. For more information and how to order check the

[Community GroundWorks website](#). The calendar will also be available at all the Madison

FarmWorks [Urban Gardener](#) classes which begin in late February (*see below*). Madison FarmWorks is a project of Community GroundWork which is doing some very innovative work combining the expertise of farming with the small scale beauty of the home garden.

Sol Levin Memorial Trail Guide

The original Troy Gardens trail guide has been updated and it is beautiful. The guide to the Sol Levin Memorial Trail which winds throughout the entire Troy Gardens was written by Marge Pitts and funded by the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board. We invite you to experience Troy Gardens in all seasons. The family friendly trail is open 365 days a year from sunup to sunset. The guide can be picked up at the Sol Level Memorial trailhead just off Troy Drive. For a virtual tour, check out the guide [online](#).



New Faces at Community GroundWorks

Patricia Lindquist recently joined Community GroundWorks as Natural Areas Coordinator. Patricia has been a familiar face in the Natural Areas for the past two years as

she served as an intern, leading volunteers on the land and working with ZDA on the management plan and the new master plan. She graduates from UW-Madison this May with a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture. She also has degrees in Art History.

Virginia (Ginny) Hughes has been named the Troy Kids' Garden Manager. Ginny co-founded the Sherman Middle School Garden four years ago, facilitating garden, nature and culinary arts education for youth along with managing interns and volunteers. She holds a masters degree in Environmental Leadership and is a Troy Community gardener.



Internships and Volunteer Opportunities

Internships are available in organic agriculture, natural areas restoration, environmental education, and nonprofit administration through Community GroundWorks. We offer both paid and volunteer internships at Troy Gardens and at our other sites in Madison. Learn about each of our programs and find an application [online](#).

Volunteers are needed at Troy Community Farm, the Troy Natural Areas, the Youth Gardening programs and for special events and projects. Many options and timing. For complete information, check [online](#).

CSA Applications Due Now!

Troy Community Farm offers certified organic vegetables for your table grown right here in Madison. New this year are every other week shares and expanded pickup on the westside. For complete information and applications, go to the [website](#).

Community Garden Applications and Registration

Garden plot applications are available online. Deadlines are coming up fast. The registration deadline for applications received via mail is March 2.. Applications may be submitted in person at Spring Registration, March 10, 2012, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Lakeview Lutheran Church (Northport and Mandrake). All new gardeners are strongly encouraged to attend Spring Registration to learn about gardening at Troy and to have questions answered. Complete information on the [CGW website](#).

Growing Minds: Garden-Based Learning Course

This 5-day, 20-hour course is designed for K-12 teachers and community educators who are interested in building skills in the areas of youth garden education, development, and management. This course will emphasize an inquiry-based, hands-on approach to garden-based learning. Course topics will include youth garden design and construction, funding and resources, recommended tools and equipment, organic gardening methods, cooking in a garden kitchen, garden-based nutrition, nature study and games, earth art, chickens in the garden, program evaluation, and the role of youth gardening in the sustainable agriculture movement.



To register, or for further information, visit [Growing Minds](#) on the CGW website.

New classes from Madison FarmWorks!

The Urban Gardener: Organic Techniques for the Whole Year:

- The Urban Gardener Part I: Laying the Groundwork for a Productive Year
- The Urban Gardener Part II: Seed Starting at Home
- The Urban Gardener Part III: Growing Organic Tomatoes
- The Urban Gardener Part IV: The Fall Harvest and Garden

Registration is now open for the first few classes, which begin in late February. See the whole list of classes [online](#).

Free Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop at Quann Community Garden

Join us for a free fruit tree pruning workshop on March 4 at 10:00 a.m. We'll focus on young trees that were planted bareroot four years ago at the small orchard adjacent to Quann Community Garden. Space is limited, and last year it filled very quickly. PLEASE REGISTER by sending email to Patricia Lindquist at patricia@troygardens.org. Complete details are available [online](#).

Get to Know the Natural Areas

On Saturday April 14, Patricia Lindquist will hold a "Get to Know the Natural Areas" hike. Following a tour of the natural areas, and (pending plant donations) the group will plant more edibles in the Edible

Woodland. Details to follow!

Thanks to Heartland Credit Union! And YOU!

Thanks to our individual, corporate and community donors, we continue to grow at Community GroundWorks. Our job is not only to steward our open spaces but also the dollars supporters give that enable us to carry out garden and farm based educational programming and contribute to the local food system. We take these jobs as seriously as we do the business of saying *thank you*.

We were honored to have been selected as one of six featured local organizations that Heartland Credit Union supported during their 2011 Give Local Go Local Campaign. The outpouring of support, exposure and enthusiasm Heartland and its partners brought to the campaign was terrific.

We wish to extend a warm thank you to our contributors near and far. It is only through your support and commitment to our mission that our work to create enduring communities continues.



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