Dear

Happy Spring! Read on to learn more about what's new and exciting at Community GroundWorks.

The Community GroundWorks Staff

Keep Voting for the East High Youth Farm

Community GroundWorks' East High Youth Farm partnership with the Goodman Community Center and East High School has been chosen as a finalist for Heartland Credit Union's Go Local campaign! Help us win a

We're preparing for a busy season in the Kids' Garden!
$10,000 donation—visit https://www.heartlandcu.org/GoLocal/Finalists/Community-GroundWorks.aspx and click on “vote for this finalist!” You can vote ONCE PER DAY until April 3rd.

Interested in a CSA Share?

The 2011 CSA brochures and worker share application are now available online! Join our CSA and get a weekly share of vegetables grown right in the City of Madison. All our shares come with free access to weekly u-pick flowers and fresh herbs in our CSA garden AND our farmers attend every pickup to answer your questions and help you pack your share from our farm-stand-style delivery. See photos of all our CSA shares from the last six years, look through our weekly newsletters, and download a sign up form from the CSA pages of our website.

Orchard Care Workshop at Mendota Mental Health Institute Orchard – 3/26/2011

Please join us on Saturday, March 26 for a Spring Orchard Care Workshop! This hands-on workshop will include fruit tree pruning and caring for young fruit trees. Please bring any stepladders, loppers, trimming saws and pruning shears you have. This workshop and volunteer activity will run from 9-noon at the Mendota Mental Health Institute (MMHI) orchard. If time permits, we’ll then head to Troy Gardens to prune the young fruit trees there.

Directions to the MMHI Orchard: Go west from Troy Gardens on the 500 block of Troy Drive, pass the main entrance to MMHI, continue uphill and take a left turn opposite a bus stop. Follow the road as it runs behind the power plant and past the security offices, and then look for a small parking lot at the intersection with Nurses Dormitory Road.

PLEASE REGISTER by sending an email to Christie Ralston at christie@troygardens.org.

Sponsored by Madison Fruits & Nuts and Community GroundWorks.

Our Madison FarmWorks Program will install a vegetable garden at the State Capitol again this year.

(photo by John Beck)

Our Urban Natural Areas Program is looking for volunteers! Fill out and send in a volunteer application to get involved.

Community GroundWorks Seeks Natural
Areas Volunteers

We’re looking for more volunteers for our Urban Natural Areas Program at Troy Gardens! Volunteers are needed to:

- Restore our sugar maple woodland and tallgrass prairie
- Maintain our 1-mile interpretive trail
- Prune, mulch, and water our fruit trees
- Maintain and improve our edible landscape
- Participate in regular educational opportunities

To volunteer, please send in a completed volunteer application form and select "Natural Areas Steward" or "Natural Areas Lead Steward" as your top choice. Contact Christie at (608) 240-0409 or christie@troygardens.org for more information.

Help Your Vegetable Garden Produce Like a Vegetable Farm

This class is for the vegetable gardener who wants to delve more deeply into growing organically at home. The class will focus on intermediate and advanced gardening skills such as: garden design and layout to facilitate crop rotation and cover cropping, planting schedules and succession planting for maximum production, and tips on which vegetable varieties are best suited to our local climate. Take your gardening to the next level in 2011!

This class will be offered at the following locations:
Tuesday, March 15, 6-8pm, Willy St. Co-op West. For more information: http://www.willystreet.coop/calendar
Thursday, March 24, 6-8pm, Whole Foods, For more information: http://wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/madison/

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