

Growing Gardeners Workshop Series



AUGUST

MAKING & CANNING ELDERBERRY SYRUP with Alex O'Hanlon
Saturday, August 19th 3-5PM at City Sprouts, 4002 Seward Street
We will make elderberry syrup using fresh elderberries and honey and then can our syrup using a water bath method. Everyone will go home with a jar of elderberry syrup.

FALL GARDENING with Cait Caughey
Monday, August 28th 6-8PM at The Big Garden, 5602 Read Street
Come learn and discuss fall gardening. We will cover seed starting, succession planting, fall growing tips, pest management, and season extension.



SPECIAL EVENT —

AN AFTERNOON OF CULINARY ADVENTURE: CITY SPROUTS 2017 GROW WITH US GALA

Sunday, August 20th 2-4 PM at Institute for the Culinary Arts at Metropolitan Community College
Join City Sprouts at our annual fundraiser. Information & Registration www.omahasprouts.org/events/gala

SEPTEMBER

BAT HABITATS with Matt Cronin of The Big Garden + Nebraska Wildlife Rehab
Wednesday, September 6th 6-8PM at The Big Garden, 5602 Read Street
Protect our wild friends; both birds and bats! Learn how to make homes and habitats for them, and meet a bat!

SPECIAL EVENT — TOUR DE GARDEN

Sunday, September 10th 9AM-2PM meet at Omaha Bicycle Company, 6015 Maple Street
This self-guided ride starts at Omaha Bicycle Company and ends at Gifford Park Community Garden with music, salsa contest, and celebration. The ride includes stops and snacks along the way at various community gardens.

CHEESE-MAKING: RICOTTA & MORE with Kay Wilwerding

Wednesday, September 13th 6-8PM at The Big Garden, 5602 Read Street
We will make two types of homemade cheese that are simple and delicious. Great for beginners.

MAKING FRUIT VINEGARS with Alex O'Hanlon

Saturday, September 16th 3-5PM at City Sprouts, 4002 Seward Street
We will learn the basics of acetic fermentation and begin the process using fresh fruit juice. Everyone will go home with a vinegar starter.

CANNING TOMATOES with Cait Caughey

Monday, September 18th 6-8PM at The Big Garden, 5602 Read Street
We will make salsa and diced tomatoes, cover canning equipment and safety, and can our maters! Everyone will get to take a canned good home.

FALL FORAGING and PEMMICAN MAKING with Tyler Magnuson

Wednesday, September 20th 6-8PM at City Sprouts, 4002 Seward Street
Learn about wild edibles that are available during Fall and make pemmican, a recipe using dried meat, berries, and fat, a great preserved food for the upcoming winter.

SEPTEMBER continued...

CANNING JAMS with Cait Caughey

Wednesday, September 27th 6-8PM at City Sprouts, 4002 Seward
Come and learn how to can fall fruits!

OCTOBER

APPLES + CIDER with Tyler Magnuson

Monday, October 2nd 6-8PM at The Big Garden, 5602 Read Street

Join us for a workshop all about apples! We will press apples for juice, dry apples, learn about varieties and apple orchard care.



OVERWINTERING CROPS with Carol Dona

Wednesday, October 4th 6-8PM at City Sprouts, 4002 Seward Street

Join us at City Sprouts as we discuss what you can plant in the late fall for harvest next season.

SPECIAL EVENT — CITY SPROUTS HARVEST CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 7th 10AM-12PM at City Sprouts, 4002 Seward Street

Celebrate this year's harvest. Family friendly, activities for children, light snacks and beverages will be provided.

SOURDOUGH BREAD MAKING with Sarah Xiong

Saturday, October 7th 1-3PM at City Sprouts, 4002 Seward Street

Have you been wanting to learn how to make sourdough bread? Here's your chance!

BUILDING A COLD FRAME with Rebecca Reagan and Shannon Gennardo

Wednesday, October 11th 6-8PM at City Sprouts, 4002 Seward Street

This hands-on class will teach you to build a cold frame and how to use it for season extension in your garden.

BACKYARD CHICKENS: LET'S GET READY FOR WINTER with Shannon Gennardo

Saturday, October 14th 1-3PM at City Sprouts, 4002 Seward Street

We will talk through the basics of coop design, chicken breeds, and chicken care--including ideas for winter care. Great information for the backyard chicken farmer.

BAKING HOMEMADE PIES with Margie Magnuson

Monday, October 16th 6-8PM at City Sprouts, 4002 Seward Street

Come and learn from a master pie-maker! Margie will teach you her tricks and tips to create a delicious, creative, made from scratch pie every time.

SPECIAL EVENT — BIG GARDEN HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 21st 5-8PM at The Big Garden, 5602 Read Street

Activities for the whole family in celebration of Autumn and Harvest season — seed saving, face painting, apple pressing, music, and a potluck (bring a dish to share!)

SEED SAVING METHODS - DRY, WET, and BIENNIAL with Cait Caughey

Monday, October 23rd 6-8PM at The Big Garden, 5602 Read Street

Join us as we explore basic seed saving techniques for every gardener. We will cover harvesting, processing, and storage. We will also process and pack seeds for the Common Soil Seed Library!

The Growing Gardeners Workshop Series is a collaboration between City Sprouts and The Big Garden in Omaha, Nebraska. Our purpose is to offer four seasons of hands-on workshops that feature skills and techniques for every gardener and urban farmer. All workshops are free or low-cost, all-ages, and no one will be turned away for inability to pay. Questions? Contact Cait Caughey — ccaughey@biggarden.org