



The Fauquier Education Farm 2019 Workshop Series

- It's Time to Start Planning... January 26th, 10 AM to 12PM. We will take you through the full calendar year in the garden, what crops need to be planted in each season and what garden task you need to keep in mind throughout the year.

Lord Fairfax Community College, Warrenton, Va.

The rest of the Workshop Series will be held at the Fauquier Education Farm

8428 Meetze Rd. Warrenton, Va.

No pre-registration is required.

- Soil, It's Alive!... May 14th, 6 to 8 PM. We will talk about treating your garden soil as a living organism and how you can use this to improve long term soil health as well as increase your crop yields. We'll have friends from the Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District on hand to talk about the biological life that helps make our soils more productive and how you can nurture your soils microbiome.
- Lazy Bed Production... May 30th, 6 to 8 PM. Join us as we show how the use of thick hay mulch in your garden can reduce weeding, conserve moisture and add fertility. We will be growing potatoes, cabbage, cucumbers and tomatoes using this method. A Lazy Bed will work on much more than just potatoes, and your boots will stay clean too!
- Organic No-Till... June 12th, 6 to 8 PM. We will show how we are successfully using No-Till techniques on a variety of crops without using herbicides. A combination of no-till cover crops and landscape fabric has been highly effective at the Ed Farm, and avoids using herbicides to manage the cover crops.
- 3D Deer Fencing... June 25th, 6 to 8 PM. Deer can be a major pest in the garden, but a 3D Deer fence can be an effective way to keep them out, without costing a fortune. This is a simple configuration of an electric fence that confuses the deer and has proven to keep them out. Don't let Bambi destroy all of your hard work, this is an easy, low cost way to protect your garden

- Cut Flower Basics... July 17th, 6 to 8 PM. Cut Flowers can be a profitable enterprise for new farmers, and a joy for home gardeners too. In this workshop we will introduce you to some of the basic varieties and techniques you might want to consider if you think you are ready to step up your cut flower production game.
- Culinary Herbs... July 30th, 6 to 8 PM. Add some spice to your garden as we introduce you to the new culinary herb bed at the Education Farm. We'll have a mixture of perennial and annual herbs growing and show you how we are doing it. We'll also have Chef Natalie Ortiz along to talk about inventive ways to use the bounty from your garden and add a little spice to your life.
- Seedless Watermelon Production... August 14th, 6 to 8 PM. We'll have a variety trial of different seedless watermelons and will show you some of the ins and outs of growing this very popular and profitable crop at home. Of course, we'll have a taste testing too so you can decide for yourself which is best.
- Fall Panted/Spring Harvest... September 14th, 2 to 4 PM. Some crops do best when planted in the fall to overwinter and then harvest the following spring. We'll explore planting both strawberries and garlic and everything thing you need to know about establishing these important cash crops.
- Pumpkins, A Dependable Money Maker... October 5th, 2 to 4 PM. We'll have several varieties of pumpkins, both edible and ornamental and will talk about the details that go into growing this very popular and often profitable crop.