

Composting & Eco Mulches

April 12, 2018 - 7:00 pm
Tamworth-Erinsville GrassRoots Growers
St. Patrick School, Erinsville, Ontario

Organic Gardening

October 16, 2017 – 2 – 4pm

Did you know that the plant you see above ground is actually in a complex symbiosis with soil microbes in the root zone? If you don't know what organisms are present in your soil and on your plants, much of your garden management is being left to chance. This is all about the garden we see and more importantly, don't see, and what resources we have to support this amazing interconnection.

The Seniors Centre
56 Francis Street
Kingston ON, K7M 1L7

ABC's of Garden Design

November 27, 2017 2 – 4pm

Are your Hens & Chicks buried under your Hostas? Do you lose all of the colour in your garden after May? A look at the essentials in garden design, based on two views: the Macro, or wide view, and the Micro, or close-up. Emphasis will be on using native plants

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Wild Soil Inhabitants

October 12, 2017 - 7:00 pm
Land 'O Lakes Garden Club
Cloyne, Ontario

Designing with Natives & Pollinators

September 27, 2017 - 10:00 am
Howe Island Garden Club

Organic Lawn Care
April 12, 2017 - 7:30pm
Gananoque Horticultural Society

Demonstration: Easy Watering Container Gardening
March 25, 2017 - 1:00pm
[Kingston Home and Garden & Boat Show](#)

Demonstration: High fertility Bokashi Composting
March 24, 2017 - 2:00pm
[Kingston Home and Garden & Boat Show](#)

Organic Lawn Care
March 7, 2017 - 7:00pm
Tweed Horticultural Society

**[Organic Master Gardener Course](#) – brought to
classrooms across Canada by Canadian Organic Growers
and partnering in Kingston with Loving Spoonful
[Register early for discount](#)**

Deadline to register: TBA
Course runs weekly for 14 weeks, from January to April

Cost: \$740 (+ HST). Earlybird special if you register by TBA / \$690

Location: Kingston Boys and Girls Club, 559 Bagot St., Kingston, ON;
6:45 PM – 9:15 PM (see other locations here www.cog.ca under Services)

The cost includes online resources, optional textbook, one year e-subscription to
The Canadian Organic Grower magazine (magazine.cog.ca) and organic library,
with more than 1500 books and resources.

You will need weekly access to a computer and the internet for some course
materials. If you have questions about the course please email office@cog.ca or
call 1-888-375-7383.



Growing Food Organically

Classroom or Online starting January, May or September

If you are concerned about how and where your food comes from or simply want to get the best nutrition possible, growing your own abundance of fruits and vegetables is the way to go. In this comprehensive new course you will learn essential applied permaculture and organic gardening techniques to:

- analyze and optimize the growing conditions in your garden, no matter the size, including container gardens
- creatively collect, use and preserve water for optimal garden health
- use holistic solutions for plant health problems (pests and diseases)
- select, plant, maintain and harvest a large variety of food plants for year-round enjoyment
- also included: how to propagate plants; save your own seeds; and store your harvest.

The online course is 14 weeks long and engages students with practical and hands-on projects, guided by experienced professional organic gardeners. The in-person classroom course includes some extra practicums and runs over 20 weeks. No prior education or gardening experience is required. This course is part of the [Organic Land Care Fundamentals – Level 1 certificate](#) program from Seneca College and also partially satisfies the requirements for the Diploma in Organic Land Care from [Gaia College](#) or [Royal Roads University](#).

LOCATIONS:

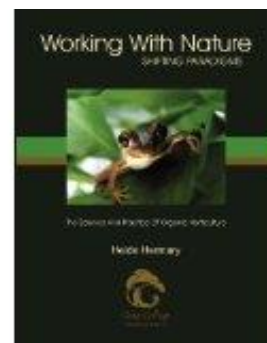
Seneca College – online: [OLP 101 Fundamentals of Growing Food Organically](#)
Royal Roads University – online: [Growing Food 1: Fundamentals](#)

Canadian Organic Growers – [in person classes across Canada](#)

Organic Horticulture Specialist Course

**Starts Online – runs each semester
starting Sept., Jan., or May**

**Part of the [Organic Land Care Diploma](#),
[Gaia College.ca](#)**



What people are saying about the Organic Horticulture Specialist course: *"I now look at urban gardens as potential havens of life - given the option to become as complex as possible. I now know that all of the people who 'own' little plots of land need to steward their piece of real estate into synergistic works of biodiversity."*

"I now see The Big Picture! Before this course I felt "A Horticulturalist" or good gardener just memorized a ton of names and info about plants. Now I talk to my friends about their gardens/lawns and discuss the soil, watering, traffic patterns etc. and find I have fresh "eyes" to see the environment. It's very satisfying. I am also very keen and revved up to learn more and take more courses with Gaia. By the way, some of the questions on the tests show a great sense of humour! Much appreciated!"

For more info:

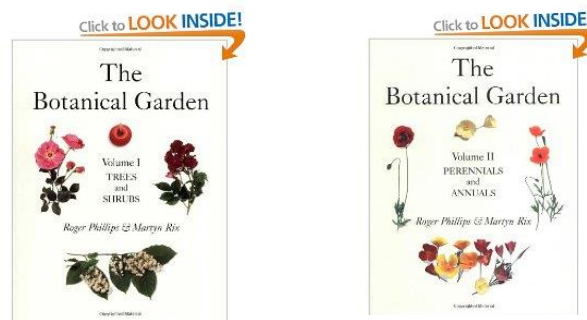
Seneca College – [OLP 100 The Fundamentals of Organic Land Care](#)

Royal Roads University – [Organic Horticulture Specialist](#)

[Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada](#)

[Ecological Plant Knowledge 2 – Ornamentals](#)

Starts Online, May, or September



The plant identification component of this course emphasizes ornamental landscape plants including annuals, perennials, shrubs, deciduous and evergreen trees, which are commonly used in the ornamental landscape of the temperate and cooler northern hemisphere. Weed identification and arboriculture practices such as pruning: what, when and how, will also be covered as it relates to the different plant types.

This course partially satisfies the certificate requirements for the [Organic Land Care Fundamentals – Level 1 Program at Seneca College](#) and the diploma requirements for [Organic Land Care program at Gaia College](#). Continuing education credits can also be earned to maintain industry certifications (SA, Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA), British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA), The Society for Organic Urban Land Care (SOUL). **Prerequisite(s):** [OLP 102 Plant Knowledge 1 Natives](#). Enrol through Gaia College or Seneca College at [Seneca College Faculty of Continuing Education and Training website](#)



Ecological Landscape Design **Starts Online, January, May, or September**

This very comprehensive course begins with an overview of historical garden design perspectives, including an examination of the role of art, statuary, wildlife, water, and native ecosystems. The principles of landscape design and how the various elements are used in softscaping and hardscaping will be examined in detail on how to achieve particular esthetics and function. Design terminology and drafting skills will be applied when following the steps of the design process. Through case studies and project work, the topics of site analysis, hardscape construction and grading, estimating and landscape supplies, drainage and water solutions, site remediation and special needs will be covered. Throughout, presentation skills will be emphasized. **Please note:** This course has [prerequisites](#)

For more info:

Seneca College – [OLP 202 Ecological Landscape Design](#)

Royal Roads University – [Ecological Landscape Design](#)

Food, Nutrition, & Hospitality Management



Credit course for the Retirement Communities/Long-term Care Management Certificate Program, endorsed by ORCA and offered through OntarioLearn. Offered every semester per year starting January, May, or September.

Dates and Colleges to register: <http://www.ontariolearn.com/>

This online 14 week course is designed to help you examine how food and nutrition can help to achieve optimum health and wellbeing. It will also provide an opportunity for you to investigate nutritional care for seniors through an understanding of food service operations and the Ministry of Health dietary standards. In this course, you will experience a combination of food preparation theory and service theory. The importance of developing strong organizational, team building and communication skills will be emphasized.

Testimonial: From Lynda T., *I learned a lot in this class. I was raised with a Mom who was in the Food Service Industry at hospitals (years before it became really complicated!), and I thought I had a relatively strong grasp on Food Service. This course taught me more and I wanted to let you know that I really enjoyed the course. The group work was a nice diversion from the usual assignments online. I think we really got to know the group members as a result of this. Thanks for your wisdom and have a wonderful summer!*



January 23, 2016 Gardening Conference – 12:45 – 2pm

Designing with Native Plants – emphasis on pollinator plants

Green Up the Winter Blues
With a Day of Gardening
Sponsored by
Lansdowne Association for Revitalization (LAFR)
Sat Jan 23, 2016 from 9:00 am - 4:00pm
Lansdowne Community Building
\$25 for the whole day,
including snacks, lunch and door prizes
Registration - 8:30 - 9:00am
Four Guest Speakers

Hot Lunch **Door Prizes**

Wild Soil Inhabitants

December 8, 2016 7:30 pm
Kingston Horticultural Society

Organic Lawn Care Presentations

September 28, 2016 9:30 am
Howe Island Garden Club

September 19, 2016 - 2pm & May 16, 2016 - 2pm
Bath Horticultural Society and Gardening Club

<http://bathgardeningclub.com/aboutus.shtml>

Grow the Best Herbs for a Gourmet Kitchen

May 25, 2016 - 10:30am

Howe Island Garden Club

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