

2024 Community Garden Summit

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The 2024 Dane County Community Garden Summit will be the evenings of July 10th, 11th and 12th at the Badger Rock Neighborhood Center, Madison School Farm, and Troy Community Garden, hosted by Rooted WI, UW-Madison Extension Dane County, and the participating community garden organizers. Dinner each night will be provided, with the cost of registration. We welcome gardeners and garden organizers from Dane County and beyond to come learn, teach, and share in the community gardening community. Due to limited parking space at all locations, please try to carpool or take public transit where possible. Meals and workshops will be mostly on site in the community gardens, with limited seating, so we recommend bringing your own picnic blankets and lawn chairs.

Schedule

Wednesday, July 10, Badger Rock Neighborhood Center, 517 E Badger Road

Start	End	Sessions			
5:00	5:30	Base: Registration, networking, opening remarks			
5:30	6:15	Base: Garden Tour	Site A: Garden Elders	Café: Cultural Diversity	Kids gardening activities
6:30	7:15	Dinner: Badger Rock Cafeteria			
7:30	8:15	Base: Gardening in Small Spaces	Site A: Hmong Medicinals	Cafe: Cooking Demo	Kids gardening activities

Thursday, July 11, Madison School Farm, 5017 Sudbury Way, Madison

Start	End	Sessions			
5:00	5:30	Base: Registration, networking			
5:30	6:15	Base: Garden Tour	Site B: Flax to Linen	Site C: Home Composting	Kids gardening activities: Wild Herbs
6:30	7:15	Dinner : Site B			
7:30	8:15	Site A: Weeds	Site B: Native Plants	Site C: Art and Nature	Kids gardening activities

Friday, July 12: Troy Community Garden, 502 Troy Dr, Madison, WI 53704

Start	End	Sessions			
5:00	5:30	Base: Registration, networking			
5:30	6:15	Site A: Soil Health	Site B: Garden Tour	Site C: Beneficial Insects	Kids gardening activities: The Community Garden
6:30	7:15	Dinner : Base			
7:30	8:15	Site A: Cover Crops	Site B: Hmong Vegetable Cooking Demo	Site C: Troy Community Input	Kids gardening activities



Wednesday, July 10th, Badger Rock Community Garden, 517 E Badger Road

5:00 - 5:15 Orientation and Networking. Come pick up summit information in the Badger Rock Cafe.

5:15 -5:30 Summit Introduction. A welcome speech will kick off the summit.

5:30 - 6:15 and 7:30 - 8:15 PM Kids Gardening Activities. Child and family friendly activities will be held throughout the evening, managed by Forrest Smart of the Badger Rock Education Team. Kids activities will move around the site, but will start just south of the greenhouse.

5:30 - 6:15 PM Garden Tour of Badger Rock: Base. Sarah Karlson, Rooted Education Director, will give a tour of the Badger Rock growing spaces. Come to learn about what they're growing there, and about the history and future of the neighborhood center, farm and community garden.

5:30-6:15 PM Gardening, Aging, and Mental Health: Site A. Gardening can be an important therapeutic practice, nutritionally, physically, and mentally as we get older. Yimmuj Yang runs the Lifting Hearts Therapy Garden at Westport Farm for the Groundswell Conservancy. Nou Thao organizes the farmer-led mental health peer support program for Marbleseed. Dr. Fabu Phillis Carter works for The Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, at UW Madison and will speak about Get Movin' In Motion, an exercise program out of UW Madison. They will engage in a discussion with each other about why growers choose to grow in gardening spaces, health impacts, with opportunities for the audience to share their experiences. Shy Aikens of Rooted WI will facilitate the discussion.

5:30-6:15 PM Cultivating Resilience: Integrating Cultural Diversity and Climate Adaptation in our School and Community Gardens: Badger Rock Cafe. Claudia Irene Calderón will guide attendees in exploring socio-cultural aspects that humans bring to the school garden, the role of plants within the gardens and the ecosystems they provide to non-human life, and considerations about how diversity provides resilience to climate change. This session is going to be interactive. Be prepared to engage with other fellow participants.

6:30 - 7:15 Dinner will be served inside the Badger Rock Middle School cafeteria, provided by Les Délices de Awa.

7:30 - 8:15 PM Gardening in Small Spaces: Base: Alex Booker, BRNC Manager, will share ways to optimize your growing space and give tips on urban gardening in our climate.

7:30 - 8:15 PM Cultural Cultivation: Hmong Medicinal Plants: Site A. Mee Vang & Ka Mua Thao will share information about medicinal plants used by Hmong gardeners, in Laos and in Wisconsin, including how to grow and identify them, and what they are used for.

7:30 - 8:15 PM Cooking Demonstration. Badger Rock Middle School Cafeteria. Annetta Wright, long time Badger Rock gardener, will share about her journey towards a whole foods plant-based diet, the health benefits of eating fewer animal products, and will demonstrate how to make some delicious and nutritious plant-based recipes using seasonal produce.

Getting There: Wednesday

The Badger Rock Neighborhood Center is at 517 E Badger Rd, at the intersection of E Badger Rd and Rimrock, just south of the beltline. The site is also the location of the Badger Rock Middle School and Southside Elementary, so make sure to go to the neighborhood center entrance on the south of the building past the gardens to check in. Note that the map does not have the updated construction, so follow signs. Park east of the building in the back service parking lot off E Badger Rd and walk around the building past the gardens to the neighborhood center entrance. If parking is limited, please park on the street. The neighborhood center can also be accessed from the south through Badger Park.

Bus Routes G and 65 let off at the corner of Rimrock and Badger.

Sign ins for the summit at the cafe, accessed through the south entrance, marked as “Base” on the map below.

Session Locations: Sessions will start at the sites on the map below, follow it and/or the signs and direction from site leaders. Kids activities will start south of the glass greenhouse, Dinner will be served inside in the middle school cafeteria.





Thursday, July 11, Madison School Farm, 5017 Sudbury Way, Madison

5:00 - 5:30 Orientation and Networking- Come pick up summit information at the check in table.

5:30 - 6:15 Kids Garden Activity: Wild and Medicinal Herbs: Base. Shannon Renne, an herbalist in north Madison, will share information for kids and families about finding and identifying wild and medicinal plants.

5:30 - 6:15 PM Garden Tour of Madison School Farm: Base. Brian Emerson, Farm to School Manager, will give a tour of the Madison School Farm, its perennial fruit and community garden, and share information about the activities going on at the site.

~~**5:30-6:15 PM Planting demo: Mushroom Cultivation in the Garden: Site A.**~~ Sorry, cancelled due to difficulties with supplies. Stay tuned for a future mushroom workshop!

5:30-6:15 PM Flax to Linen: Site B. Have you ever imagined you could grow your own clothes? Leslie Schroeder of Wisconsin Linen Revival offers this workshop on the basics of cultivating and processing flax for fiber. Flax is a bast fiber plant from which the textile linen is made. This workshop covers planting, harvest, and a demonstration on hand processing flax as well as an introduction to hand twining known as the reverse twist for making simple string.



5:30- 6:15 PM At Home Composting and Food Waste Reduction: Site C. Wade Moder.

Approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of food is wasted in the United States annually, most of which ends up in our landfills. Learn about the environmental benefits of composting and how to start their own at-home composting system. We will break down the supplies you need, what to put in your compost, and how to troubleshoot any issues you may run into.

6:30 - 7:15 Dinner will be served at Site B, provided by The Walking Jerk.

7:30 - 8:15 PM Kids Garden Activity: Base. Child and family friendly activities coordinated by the Rooted education team.

7:30 - 8:15 PM Managing Weeds in Vegetable Gardens: Site A. Perennials, annuals, seeds, taproots, and rhizomes - what do these words mean, and how do they affect weed management? Lisa Johnson of UW-Extension will share information about various weeds and control methods that work best for each of them, including solarization, occultation, pulling, scuffle hoe, vinegar, etc, and then we'll walk around the garden and talk about how we'd handle various weedy situations we find.

7:30 - 8:15 PM Native plants in the Garden: Site B. No matter the size or space, native plants can create a needed refuge for pollinators and other beneficial insects. We'll talk through the basics of how to best situate habitat in your garden landscape, review plant selection, and detail habitat installation and stewardship best practices.

7:30 - 8:15 PM Art and Nature: Site C. Anupama, Serena, Paisley. Flower Stamping Fabric Dyeing. Learn how to use the beautiful colors of nature to transform cloth! Materials used: an array of vividly colored flowers, plain white cotton fabric cut into bandana/headwrap size (up to participants), hammers, and dye fixant (wondering if we can experiment with natural fixers).

Getting There: Thursday

The school farm is in East Madison, east of Stoughton Rd and south from Milwaukee St onto Lamplighter Way, which turns into Sudbury. If parking is limited, the site can also be access from the south through Kennedy Park.

Bus Route D1 travels along Milwaukee St, north of the garden.

Sign ins for the summit will be at by Sudbury Way, marked as “Base” on the map below. Portapotty is at the northwest of the site

Session Locations: Sessions will start at the sites on the map below, follow it and/or the signs and direction from site leaders: A. Old orchard meeting area under the trees. B. Grassy meeting area C. Mulched cooking area. Kids Activities will start at the base site.





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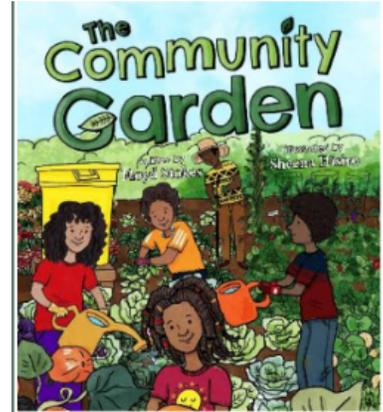


Friday July 12, Troy Gardens, 502 Troy Dr.

5:00 - 5:30 Orientation and Networking- Come pick up summit information at the check in table.

5:30 - 6:15 Kids Garden Activity: The Community Garden: In the Kid's Garden.

Clare Dahl and Kula Yang, Finance and Life Span Educators with UW extension, will share *The Community Garden*, a bilingual picture book by Floyd Stokes, and engage kids in the activities in the book.



5:30-6:15 PM Soil Health in the Garden: Site A. How do you create and manage a healthy soil? What does fertility mean? Lisa Johnson will teach about the meanings of basic soil terms, including pH, texture, structure, macronutrients, microorganisms, organic matter, and making soils productive for vegetable gardening. She'll go over how soil amendments, fertilizers, and other practices like mulching and tillage affect the soil for its long-term health.

5:30 - 6:15 PM Garden and Farm Tour of Troy: Starting from site B. Paul Huber, Troy Farm Director, will give a tour of the Troy site, including the community gardens, perennial plantings, natural areas, and the farm, and share information about the activities going on at the site.

5:30-6:15 PM Beneficial Insects in the Garden: Site C. Kathlean Wolf, Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteer, will discuss how partnering with insects and other arthropods in our gardens can improve the health of our soils, our crops, and our native wildlife. She'll share ideas for ways to get started in gardening to promote beneficial insects: flower borders, bumblebee nests, stag beetle habitat, and more!

6:30 - 7:15 Dinner will be served at the base site.

7:30 - 8:15 PM Kids Garden Activity: Kids Garden. Child and family friendly activities will be coordinated by the Rooted education team.

7:30 - 8:15 PM Cover Crops at the Community Garden Scale: Site A. Rooted staff will share how cover crops are used in her active Troy Community garden plots, and how they're used to transition plots from one gardener to another, improving soil quality and reducing weeds. Examples of spring and summer cover crops will be shown, and samples of cover crop mixes will be shared with attendees.

7:30 - 8:15 PM Hmong Vegetable Cooking Demonstration: Site B. Mao Cha, Troy Community Gardener, will teach attendees about how to use Hmong greens and other common Hmong crops harvested in July.

7:30 - 8:15 PM Troy Gardens and Farms Community Input Session: Site C. The Troy Gardens and Farms, founded in 2001, was designed and run as a result of massive community input. Nearly 25 years in, Rooted staff and the Troy community are thinking about how best the site can meet the needs of our community. We will share our plans for the future and want to hear from you about what direction we should go. We're interested in hearing from both the community surrounding Troy, as well as advice from other community gardening spaces around the county about how things work at their sites. Come make your opinions heard!

Getting There: Friday

Access Troy Community Garden from the South, along Troy Dr. Limited Handicap-Accessible park in the lot at 502 Troy Dr.

Bus Route B travels along Troy Drive to the south of the garden.

Sign ins for the summit will be at the central Troy tent, marked as “Base” on the map below.

Session Locations: Sessions will start at the sites on the map below, follow it and/or the signs and direction from site leaders.



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