

GARDENING WORKSHOPS - PRACTICAL SESSIONS

<p>WORKSHOP 1</p> <p>Price - \$60</p> <p>Length -4 hrs</p>	<p><i>Composting, worm farming and making liquid fertilisers</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Types of composting systems - Differences between ‘hot’ and ‘cold’ composts - Benefits of hot composting - Basic composting principles - Carbon:nitrogen ratios - Activators and Additives - Methods of construction – lasagna and bolognaise! Build a lasagna compost heap - Turning the heap - When is the compost ready to use? - Worm farming – containers, types of worms, worm food - Uses - vermicast and vermijuce - Liquid fertilizers – comfrey, seaweed, fish, compost <p>TAKE AWAY – comfrey plant or worms</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 2</p> <p>Price - \$60</p> <p>Length -4 hrs</p>	<p><i>Soils –structure, testing and improving soil foodweb, pH</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is soil made up of - The importance of humus - Soil texture and structure and how to improve - How to identify your own soil type - Soil pH and what plants grow at different pH levels - Soil foodweb and how it works - How to encourage soil organisms and build up humus - How to get macro and micro nutrients into our soils without using chemicals - Brix testing produce - Green manures and how they help the soil - Crop rotation <p>TAKE AWAY – comfrey plant or green manure seeds</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 3</p> <p>Price - \$60</p> <p>Length -4 hrs</p>	<p><i>Seed sowing and saving</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seed sowing into pots/trays – seed size, numbers, labeling - Seed treatments – stratification and scarification - Methods and strategies for germination of seeds - Pricking out and potting on seedlings - Preparing seedbeds for direct planting - What seeds to direct sow and best practice - Preparing ground for seedling transplant - Transplanting seedlings – timing and strategies - Saving seed – what to save - Selecting plants to save seed and how many to save - Pollination - Keeping your seed varieties pure - When to collect and dry and wet cleaning - Storing seed <p>TAKE AWAY – pots of seed x 5</p>

<p>WORKSHOP 4</p> <p>Price - \$60</p> <p>Length -4 hrs</p>	<p><i>Plant propagation</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taking cuttings from trees and bushes - Taking cuttings from soft fruit - Preparing the cuttings for planting - Potting mediums - Rooting compounds (found in the kitchen cupboard) - Dividing plants - Layering plants - Tip layering - Stooling plants <p>TAKE AWAY – pots of cuttings</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 5</p> <p>Price - \$60</p> <p>Length -4 hrs</p>	<p><i>Preparing the garden for winter and winter gardening</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seed sowing for winter - Preparing the ground for planting - What to add to the soil - Transplanting seedlings - Mulching - Planting green manures - Pruning soft fruit - Strawberry runners – ground preparation and planting - Shallots and garlic – ground preparation and planting - Seed saving <p>TAKE AWAY – garlic/shallots/strawberry runners/pots of seed</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 6</p> <p>Price - \$60</p> <p>Length -4 hrs</p>	<p><i>Small space gardening</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raised beds - Container gardening - Making and decorating containers - Guide to minimum container sizes required for growing - Potting mixes for containers - Growing in tyres - Using grobags and compost bags as growing containers - Trellises and bamboo - Hanging baskets - Recycling old dustbins, plastic containers etc - Window boxes - Espaliered fruit trees <p>TAKE AWAY – herb or comfrey plant</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 7</p> <p>Price - \$120</p> <p>Length - 7 hrs</p> <p>Includes lunch</p>	<p><i>Creating a food forest in New Zealand</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The benefits of forest gardening - Canopy trees and shrub species - Providing nutrients - Nitrogen fixers - Herbaceous perennials and groundcover - Annuals, biennials and climbers - Attracting insects and bees - Wind protection - The design steps - Ground preparation and planting - Timescale and time required - Paths/Maintenance <p>TAKE AWAY – groundcover herb</p>

<p>WORKSHOP 8</p> <p>Price -\$60</p> <p>Length -4 hrs</p>	<p><i>Introduction to permaculture</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is it and how does it fit in with organics - Ethics and Principles - Elements and functions - Zones - Planning and sector analysis - Site considerations and analysis - Planning methods - Getting started with a design <p>TAKE AWAY – detailed handouts</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 9</p> <p>Price -\$60</p> <p>Length -4 hrs</p>	<p><i>Introduction to biodynamics and using the moon calendar</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is it and how does it fit in with organics - What are the preparations and how do they work - Putting the preparations on your property - Building a biodynamic compost - The biodynamic calendar - How the full moon affects plant growth - The ascending and descending moon - When to plant seeds and when to transplant - How do the zodiac constellations affect plants and how to use them <p>TAKE AWAY – detailed handouts</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 10</p> <p>Price -\$60</p> <p>Length -4 hrs</p>	<p><i>Basic gardening – getting started with a vegetable garden</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Site and aspect – where to put the vegetable garden - Which gardening system to use – deep bed, no dig, containers etc - Deciding what to plant - Preparing garden beds - Greenhouse, plastic house, cold frames and cloches - Liquid fertilizers and worm farms - Compost bins - Planting seeds in pots/trays and direct seeding - Transplanting - Mulching - Pests and diseases - Protection of crops <p>TAKE WAY – pots of seed or comfrey plant</p>