

Introduction to Home Organic Gardening
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
February 19th and 26th, and March 5th, 2011

Session 1: February 19, 2011 – Soil Health

Welcome and intro to class

Basic soil science cultivation practices

Lunch (approx.): 12:00-12:30

Gardening resources

At the farm 1:00-3:00:

- Building and maintaining soil fertility

- Compost

- Cover cropping

- Green manuring and mulching

Session 2: February 26, 2011 – Plant Health

Welcome

Planting schedules, crop rotation, and container planting culture

Choosing seeds, plant varieties for local microclimates, seed collection

Lunch (approx.): 12:00-12:30

Greenhouse - afternoon:

- Potting soil mixes

- Propagation

- Care and handling of plant material

Session 3: March 5, 2011 – Garden Health

Welcome

Microclimates

Irrigation techniques, interplanting and weed management

Lunch (approx.): 12:00-12:30

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

At the farm: as required

Closing and presentation of certificates