

**JUST ONE SEED PRACTICAL FARM GARDEN WORKSHOP**  
**SPRING to FALL 2011**  
**In the Greenhouse, Hoophouse and Field with**  
**your garden coach and instructor, Eve Springwood Minson and you!**

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**SATURDAY DATES AS FOLLOWS** (weather permitting) – we will take into consideration snow and/or rain dates to reschedule for the following week.

For those of you who want to work on a homestead design plan for your home property over the course of the growing season, please bring an aerial map or site plan and some pictures of your home property and we'll help you get you started on a plan during the first workshop.

For those of you who have never planted any seeds before, please bring a couple of packs of your favorite vegetable or flower seeds and you'll seed this during the March workshop.

**MARCH 5 - GENERAL INTRO 101 and GETTING STARTED**

- Introduction to the organic backyard homestead garden
- Overview of the growing year; design, planning, what where when why?
- Seed Starting: selection, catalogs, soil media, seed tray, propagation, eating all season, planting by the phases of the moon-biodynamic basics
- Hands-on seed planting and take home project
- Review of books and other resources for the growing year

**APRIL 2 – BREAKING GROUND**

- What goes on under your feet: soil basics, fertilizers, minerals and other amendments to enliven the soil including biodynamic preps
- Preparing the ground: tools, tillers, beds, layout, supplies
- Making growing structures in the garden: bamboo trellis, teepees, hoops
- Spring hoophouse basics

**MAY 7 – GETTING IT IN THE GROUND**

- Preparing seed beds: direct planting seed and transplants
- Seedling care: fertilizing, watering, maintenance
- Mulches: black plastic and biodegradable mulches, natural mulches
- Timing: time to plant cool and warm season seed and transplants

**JUNE 4 – SMALL FRUIT, HERBS, AND FLOWERS IN THE GARDEN**

- Varietal selections, layout and structures for small fruit
- Annual and perennial selections – design, color, layout
- Plants for pollinators
- Culinary and medicinal herbs (joined by a local herbalist and homeopath to discuss what can be used from the home herb garden for basic first aid)

**JULY 9 - (in lieu of 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend) PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT**

- Learn your basic insects
- Identify disease in the garden
- Organic pest and disease management
- Summer garden maintenance

**AUGUST 6 – HIGH SUMMER GARDEN CARE**

- Harvesting, maintenance, resowing
- Floral design - using flowers from the JUST ONE SEED garden
- Drying herbs
- Collecting seed for next year

**SEPTEMBER 3 – FALL: THE BEST SEASON IN THE GARDEN**

- Season Extension: Keep it Going (cold frames, hoops, and hoophouses)
- Fall Crops: The cool season vegetables
- Preserving and protecting the late summer crop

**OCTOBER 1 – FROST IS COMING**

- Putting the garden to bed
- Potting up for the greenhouse or winter windowsill garden
- Cover crops and plant rotations
- Putting it away
- Remineralize
- Compost put to bed