

Build it Up 2024 Garden Workshop Schedule

Date	Class	Details
Monday, March 4th 6:00-7:30 pm Memorial Park Community Center (MPCC)	Planning your garden	Learn about what's in store for the year and how to plan your garden. Learn to answer the basic questions of What, When & Where? Homework: create a garden plan!
Monday, April 1st 6:00-7:30 pm MPCC	Planting Your Garden	Learn how to create a new garden from scratch, making permanent planting beds, watering, fertilizing & mulching needs. Also how to plant and care for seeds and seedlings.
Monday, May 6th 6:00-7:30 pm MPCC	Organic Disease Management	Learn about common diseases that infect plants in East TN and best practices for prevention. Will discuss organic sprays.
Monday, June 3rd 6:00-7:30 pm MPCC	Organic Pest Control	Learn about common insect pests in East TN and how to prevent and control infestations. Will discuss organic sprays.
July – All Month No workshop this month!	Garden Visits!	BIU staff and volunteers will be out visiting each garden this month to help you troubleshoot any problems and offer growing advice.
Monday, August 5th 6:00-7:30 pm MPCC	Fall gardening & Soil Health	Growing doesn't have to end with cold weather. Learn how you can keep your garden growing year round. We will also discuss the importance of soil health in year-round gardening.
Monday, September 9th 6:00-7:30 pm MPCC	Season Extension	Instructions and supplies for building Low Tunnels to protect your crops in winter. Will also learn about cover crops and winterizing your garden.
Monday, October 7th 6:00-7:30 pm MPCC	Harvest Celebration Potluck	Gather and celebrate! Also, when we give out garlic and superlatives!

Notes on the Workshops

Welcome! It is our mission to guide you through an awesome year of learning how to grow, cook and preserve food from your very own garden! To that end, we have a series of monthly workshops designed to take you from being novice gardeners to...not so novice gardeners. Let's be honest, gardening is a skill that takes years to learn—you're not going to pop out the end of this as experts. However, we do hope to offer you a solid foundation from which to begin a lifetime of growing food, getting healthier, and learning to be good stewards of our natural world!

Workshops:

- Participants are required to attend the monthly Gardening Workshops. Failure to attend these workshops may mean that you do not get the materials handed out at this workshop. Missing two or more workshops in the year can mean expulsion from the program. Communication is key. If you know you are not going to be able to attend a required workshop, please let us know in advance. If you have a family emergency and miss a workshop, please let us know. Please just communicate with us!!
- You are also required to attend at least one of the cooking and one of the canning/preservation workshops. You may attend them all if you like, but everyone has to take at least one of each. See the Cooking and Food Preservation Schedule for details about these sessions.

Location:

- Memorial Park Community Center: 510 Bert St. Johnson City, TN 37601
- On Zoom