



# The Organic Garden

with The Compost Gardener

## A Series of Seminars

Presented by Heathcote Botanical Gardens  
And Master Gardener Adina Lehrman

**\$20 for Heathcote members**

**\$25 for non-members**

**per class**

**Advance registration requested**

- #1 Composting: The Art Of Creating Perfect Garden Soil 10 am Saturday June 09**  
On the ground and bin composters, The micro and macro organisms of the compost pile, Balancing carbon and nitrogen wastes, Sheet composting: Make compost *piles* obsolete  
Passive Compost Piles: Why we should have them, keeping them out of sight, useful or camouflaged.
- #2 Starting A Garden Suddenly: 9 am Saturday June 23rd, The No Dig Lasagna Mound and The Layer Cake Mound.** Learn how to make easy garden beds to grow delicious vegetables in Florida. Where to find the components for the layers, dimensions for the mounds and discussion on how best to plant into new mounds. Attendees participate in the assembly of both mounds.
- #3 Hugelkultur & The Hugel Mound Garden: 9 am Saturday July 7, Do not miss this new class offering.** Class room presentation on Hugelkultur and its beneficial properties for water conservation in the garden. Participants will assemble a Hugel Mound in the garden.
- #4 Making A Garden Plan: 10 am Saturday August 11, Participants make an actual plan**  
Choosing garden location, orientation, crops and crop successions, preparing gardens and soil, Companion planting, Planting schedules, Utilizing volunteer crops and thinnings in the plan
- #5 Pests and Disease In The Organic Garden: 10 am Saturday August 25** Why spraying pests is a losing proposition in Florida, and the simple most effective things we can do instead of spraying. Learn to indentify insects we call pests and the predaceous insects that eat them, The truth about organic sprays, concoctions from around the house, biological controls and buying beneficial insects and organisms.
- #6 Conserving Water In The Vegetable Garden: 10 am Saturday September 8** You may be overwatering. The three types of water in soil. How to prepare the soil to hold moisture. What is biochar and what does it have to do with conserving water in the garden? How to encourage crops to use water more effciently, choosing crops, water sparing crops, watering systems, plantings and locations that will help to conserve moisture, Best watering practices, Water catchment
- #7 Harvesting In The Garden 10 am Saturday September 22** What we grow, What parts we harvest, Harvesting with or without water, How to use, store or put up what we grow. Seed saving.

## 2013

- #8 Now that my garden is growing what can I do to create a better ecosystem in my yard? and Why?**  
**1pm Sunday January 13, 2013** Helpful ornamental and perennial food plants, Water features, Keeping yard birds and rabbits, Wild areas, Butterfly gardens, Attracting beneficial insects.
- #9 Planning The Summer Garden 1pm Sunday February 10, 2013** Choosing crops that will grow in summer, Summer planting schedule, Cover Crops and Green Mulches, How to prepare fallow gardnes for the next growing season

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