



Board of County Commissioners

BERNALILLO COUNTY

OPEN SPACE

BACKYARD FARMING SERIES

Transform your backyard into a thriving urban oasis of food, medicine and wildlife habitat.

Six seasonally-based workshops are spread throughout the spring, summer and fall so that participants can transform their backyards this year. The series will highlight experts in their field to lead presentations and hands-on demonstrations. Each session will also feature a Local Food Forum where local food producers will present their goods, provide tasty snacks, and talk about their enterprise. **The workshops are free, however space is limited and participants must RSVP in advance.**

To RSVP, contact Valerie at vhermanson@bernco.gov or 505-314-0398

All the workshops will be held at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House located at 6029 Isleta Blvd, 3 miles south of Rio Bravo Blvd. Registration starts at 9:30am and the sessions go from 10:00am-4:00pm.

March 20th, Design and Prepare a Backyard Farm

Designing Your Urban Homestead, Soil Preparation, Water Harvesting, Garden Beds and Seed Starting

April 17th, Backyard Livestock

Top-bar Beekeeping, Urban Chickens, Goats, Llamas, Alpacas, Mini Jerseys, and Pigs

May 15th, Productive and Healthy Gardens

Productive Gardens: Planning, Plant Selection, Spacing, and Micro- Environments, and Healthy Garden Holistic Management of Herbs, Plants, Weeds and Pests

August 21st, Traditional Gardening

History of Food, Heirloom and Native Crops, Traditional Farming Methods, Traditional Irrigation Methods

September 18th, Harvesting Food and Medicine

Food: Canning, Fermentation, Drying, and Storing, and Green Pharmacy: Preparing, Drying, Storing, and Harvesting Medicinal Plants

October 16th, Seed Saving and Winter Preparation

Seed Saving: Agricultural Heritage and Methods to Harvest and Store Seeds, and Winter Clean-up and Year-round Growing

This Open Space series is develop in partnership with the Hubbell House Alliance, www.hubbellhousealliance.org, and with assistance from Sunstone Herbs www.sunstoneherbs.com.

For more information about this series or other Open Space Program opportunities, visit the website: www.bernco.gov/openspace