

**Troy Community Farm
Community GroundWorks**

2012 Farm Intern Classes and Field Trip

Classes are conducted every Monday afternoon starting on May 21st and concluding on August 20th. All class sessions run from 2:00 to 3:30 PM. There is also a field trip to a nearby CSA farm on the afternoon of Tuesday, 24 July from noon to 6:00 PM. Transportation for the field trip is provided to and from Troy Gardens.

The required text for the classes is *The New Organic Grower* by Eliot Coleman. Readings for the classes will be taken from this book, the Troy Intern Training Manual, and other handouts provided by the farm. All readings must be completed prior to the associated class. Interns can purchase a copy of *The New Organic Grower* on their own or from the farm. If an intern cannot or does not want to purchase the book, the farm will loan the intern a copy of the book for the season. All interns will receive a copy of the Troy Community Farm Intern Training Manual and a packet of handouts at the beginning of their internship.

Class Schedule

21 May	Community GroundWorks Overview
28 May	No Class – Memorial Day
4 June	Greenhouse Management
11 June	Marketing and Merchandizing
18 June	Irrigation
25 June	Cover Crops, Soil Fertility, and Weeds
2 July	Bees
9 July	Insect and Disease Management
16 July	Crop Planning Math
23 July	Farm Start Up
24 July Noon – 6PM	Field Trip to Blue Moon Community Farm and Discussion <i>required Tuesday afternoon field trip and discussion</i>
30 July	Elective Class
6 August	Elective Class
13 August	Elective Class
20 August	Oral Evaluation of Intern Classes

Elective Class Options

Book Discussion

In 2010 interns read *Just Food: Where Locavores Get It Wrong and How We Can Truly Eat Responsibly* by James McWilliams. In 2011 we read *Eaarth: Making a Life on a Tough New Planet* by Bill McKibben. The suggested book for 2012 is *The Way We Eat* by Peter Singer and Jim Mason

Intern Presentations

Interns can choose to present on their prior farm-related experience with an eye toward broadening exposure to different growing styles and ideas. Length of presentations to be determined based on the number of interns who would like to present, but not less than 15 minutes.

Crop Family Specifics: Solanaceae

Brief history and production specifics for tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, and potatoes.

Crop Family Specifics: Brassicas

Brief history and production specifics for broccoli, kale, cabbage, radishes, etc.

Harvest and Post Harvest Handling

Using the BCS Tiller

Interns learn how to start, operate, and do basic maintenance on our 8.5 hp walk behind tiller. All interns will operate the tiller during the class.