

## Community Gardens for Vermont Conference participating organizations and groups

Archibald Neighborhood Garden  
Brattleboro Area Community Gardens  
Burlington Area Community Gardens  
Caribbean Medical Transport  
Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed  
Champlain Valley Compost Company  
Camp DREAM  
Community Teaching Garden  
Friends of Burlington Gardens  
Gilbert Hart Library  
The Giving Garden  
Grafton Elementary School  
Liberty Hill Farm  
Lincoln Community School Garden  
Middlebury Community Garden  
New England Grassroots  
Environment Fund  
The Nature Conservancy  
Neighborhood Garden, Williston  
NOFA Vermont  
North Branch Community Garden  
Northeast Kingdom Community Action

Norwich Community Garden  
Passumpsic River Valley  
Community Gardens  
Post Oil Solutions  
Pownal Community Garden  
Preserving Agriculture, Open Lands,  
and Natural Resources in Derby  
Putney Central School Community Garden  
Rochester Federated Church  
Rootswork Community Garden  
Tri Town Community Garden  
Stowe Community Garden  
Unitarian Universalist Church Woodstock  
UVM Extension Master Gardeners  
Ayito Konse Vet / Vermont Haiti Alliance  
Vermont Campaign to End  
Childhood Hunger  
Vermont Peak Oil Network  
Vermont Technical College  
Vermont Youth Conservation Corps  
Warren School Gardens  
Winooski Community Gardens

The Vermont Community Garden Network (VCGN) includes a membership of nearly 500 people representing more than 125 Vermont communities. The VCGN is facilitated by Friends of Burlington Gardens (FBG) as part of its statewide outreach mission.

The FBG web site at [www.burlingtongardens.org](http://www.burlingtongardens.org) provides space for the VCGN garden directories, list serv, and mini-grant programs. The VCGN continues to grow each year thanks to the support of funders, contributors, and members working together to establish new community, school, and neighborhood gardening opportunities.



American  
Community  
Gardening  
Association

The Vermont Community Garden Network encourages its members to join the American Community Gardening Association (ACGA), which supports the development of community garden networks in North America.

To learn more about the benefits of ACGA membership, please visit the ACGA web site at [www.communitygarden.org](http://www.communitygarden.org).



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## Vermont Community Garden Network Community Gardens for Vermont Conference

### Conference contributions and pledges

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### Session II Interest Groups and Facilitators

Small community or neighborhood gardens  
Old Dorm Lounge, Chris Howell

Youth gardens at community or school sites  
Old Dorm Lounge, Erin Buckwalter

Community gardens serving seniors and people with  
special needs and abilities, Conant Room 107, Chris Nytch

Community gardens for a college, business, faith-based organization,  
or agency serving immigrants, Conant Room 105, Stephen Scuderi

Large community gardens of a half acre or more  
Conant Room 101, Lisa Coven

### Conference Workshop Presenters

Peter Hopkins, Pownal Community Garden (A)

Lisa Coven, Burlington Area Community Gardens (A,E)

Melissa Bridges, Passumpsic River Valley Community Gardens (B)

Kris Hammer, North Branch Community Garden (B)

Jeremy Gulley, Rootswork Community Garden (C)

Steven Wisbaum, Champlain Valley Compost Company (C)

Bart Westdijk, New England Grassroots Environment Fund (D)

Jim Flint, Friends of Burlington Gardens (D)

Jane Michaud, Brattleboro Area Community Gardens (E)

Rolf Anderson, Montgomery Community Gardens (F)

Erin Buckwalter, Winooski Community Gardens & Veggie Town (F)

Jessica Hyman, Archibald Neighborhood Garden (G)

Chris Nytch, The Nature Conservancy (G)

## Conference Program & Workshops

### Exhibitor setup

8:30—9:00 a.m. Old Dorm Lounge

### Registration / Exhibit Area Open

9:00—9:50 a.m.

### Session I: Opening Plenary

10:00—10:50 a.m.

Welcome and introductions, followed by a slide show tour highlighting the beauty, bounty, and diversity of Vermont's community gardens.

### Session II: Best practices for starting and sustaining a community garden

11:00—11:50 a.m. Old Dorm Lounge & Conant Hall Classrooms

Facilitated garden interest groups share ideas and experiences. (see facing page)

### Networking Lunch & Seed Swap

noon—12:50 p.m. Old Dorm Lounge

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### Topical workshop choices (see co-presenters on facing page)

- A. How to find land and form partnerships to organize a new community garden
- B. How to design a community garden site and make decisions on amenities
- C. How to improve soil structure and soil fertility in a community garden
- D. How to secure grants, funding, and donations to support a community garden
- E. How to create effective guidelines and sustainable policies for community gardens
- F. How to coordinate a community garden that welcomes a diversity of gardeners
- G. How to recruit, manage, and retain garden volunteers of diverse ages and abilities

### Session III— Choice of topical workshop A-D

1:00—1:50 p.m.

Workshop A (Conant Hall Classroom 107)

Workshop B (Conant Hall Classroom 105)

Workshop C (Conant Hall Classroom 101)

Workshop D (Old Dorm Lounge)

### Session IV— Choice of topical workshop D-G

2:00—2:50 p.m.

Workshop D (Old Dorm Lounge)

Workshop E (Conant Hall Classroom 107)

Workshop F (Conant Hall Classroom 105)

Workshop G (Conant Hall Classroom 101)

### Closing Plenary Session

3:00—3:30 p.m. Old Dorm Lounge

Door prizes, closing reflections, and evaluation

Special thanks go to our  
conference photographer,  
VCGN member Noelia  
Baez Rodriguez.

Ways to help the VCGN:  
VCGN t-shirts in four  
sizes will be on sale at the  
discounted price of \$10.

Patchwork: stories of  
gardens and community  
will be on sale for \$5 (half  
the cover price).

Contributions and pledges  
to support the VCGN  
will also be accepted.