

## Got garden envy? Start From the Ground Up!

Join Yampatika and Deep Roots for a four part series that will help you transform your backyard into a thriving, productive garden system!

Our high alpine climate's growing season can be challenging but if you are prepared to get your garden going before the planting season, you will make the best use of our region's limited growing days. Learn what you need to be doing now for next year's garden. Site planning, soil preparation and composting will be covered this fall, providing you with best practices you can apply at home.

"From the Ground Up" uses a permaculture approach to guide participants in creating an heirloom garden; utilizing xeriscape techniques; and exploring the local foods that can be grown in our own backyards. This series will focus on gardening for stewardship, making the best use of natural, inexpensive, organic solutions to common garden problems.

Classes take place at Yampatika's Environmental Learning Center at Legacy Ranch, located 1 mile east of Walton Creek Road on Highway 40. Participants will learn about the history of this unique property and the conservation easement that guides its current stewardship. They will leave a lasting Legacy on site by helping to recreate the heirloom gardens that may have existed historically.

### September 24, Thursday 5-7pm, Making a Plan

Understanding and assessing your site; placing gardens; types of gardens; first steps of putting in a garden. This is a preparatory session for our hands-on work on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### September 27, Sunday 9 am-12noon, Work session

Installing the garden. So we've talked about our garden, now it's time to get to work! We will be prepping areas for heirloom gardens at Yampatika's Environmental Learning Center.

### October 15, Thursday 5-7pm, Garden Gold

Soils, compost, mulches & amendments. Discuss living soil, how to keep it healthy, fertilizers, compost, and types of mulches. This is a preparatory session for hands-on work on Saturday, October 17.

### October 17, Saturday 9am- 12noon, Work session

Creating good soil, setting up compost area. This hands-on session will be to find the right soil mix for heirloom gardens at Yampatika's Environmental Learning Center and to create a compost area.

### February 18, 2010, Thursday 5-7pm Get that Garden Going!

Yippee, the Catalogues have arrived! – Choosing your plants; starting seeds indoors; planting techniques for the garden.

### March 18, Wednesday 5-7pm, Learn from Area Experts

Explore resources for spring and summer planting. This round-table discussion will bring in additional experts; provide for question and answers; and offer continuing education opportunities.



Cost is \$30 per session (sessions include BOTH days in September and October) for non-members; price break for Yampatika or Deep Roots members (\$25). Sign up for the whole series for only \$95. Limited to 15 participants so call Yampatika at 970-871-9151 to register!