

## Troy Community Farm

### 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**  
1. *Intern Training Manual*, pp. 5-11 (Greenhouse)  
2. *The New Organic Grower*, pp. 127-132 (Transplanting)  
3. (optional) *The New Organic Grower*, pp. 133-153 (Soil Blocks)
- 11 June       **Marketing and Merchandizing**  
1. *The New Organic Grower*, pp 196-203 (Marketing)  
2. *Intern Training Manual*, pp 28-31 (Marketing)  
3. “Selling Tips” by Ranson A. Blakeley, handout  
4. “Stall Merchandising” by Gail Hayden, handout
- 18 June       **Crop Family Specifics: Solanaceae**
- 25 June       **Cover Crops, Soil Fertility, and Weeds**  
1. *The New Organic Grower*, pp. 94-110 (Soil Fertility)  
2. “Building Soil Fertility and Tilth with Cover Crops” by Marianne Sarrantonio, handout  
3. *The New Organic Grower*, pp 158-171 (Weeds)  
4. *Intern Training Manual*, pp. 18-21 (Weeding)  
5. “Weed the Soil, Not the Crop” by Anne & Eric Nordell, handout
- 2 July        **Insect and Disease Management**  
1. *The New Organic Grower*, pp. 172-184 (Pests?)  
2. *Intern Training Manual*, pp. 23-24 (Insect and Disease Control)  
3. *The New Organic Grower*, pp. 185-189 (Pests: Temporary Palliatives)

- 9 July           **Bees**  
1. “Basic Beekeeping”, handout
- 16 July           **Crop Planning Math**  
1. *The New Organic Grower*, pp. 33-49 (Planning and Observation)  
2. *Intern Training Manual*, pp. 3-5 (Planning)
- 23 July           **Book Discussion**  
The book for 2012 is *Tomorrow's Table: Organic Farming, Genetics, and the Future of Food* by Pamela C. Ronald and R. W. Adamchak.
- 24 July  
Noon –  
6PM           **Field Trip to Blue Moon Farm** (*required Tuesday afternoon class*)  
1. Blue Moon website: <http://www.blumooncommunityfarm.com/>
- 30 July           **Irrigation**
- 6 August           **Brassicas**
- 13 August           **Farm Start Up**  
1. *The New Organic Grower*, pp. 19-23 (Scale and Capital)
- 20 August           **Oral Evaluation of Intern Classes**